

Good afternoon,

Today CMS announced that as part of our continued efforts to help smooth consumers' transition into Marketplace coverage we are allowing those covered by the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) additional time to shop for new coverage while they receive the ongoing care and treatment they need. The federally-run PCIP will offer the option of one additional month of PCIP coverage to current PCIP enrollees who have not yet found new health insurance coverage. PCIP coverage will last through April 30, 2014. This additional month will allow PCIP enrollees who select Marketplace plans during open enrollment to avoid a lapse in coverage. The State-run PCIP programs also have the opportunity to continue providing coverage to their PCIP enrollees through April.

Eligible enrollees can purchase PCIP transitional coverage by sending in April premium payments; which will be the same monthly rate that they paid for January 2014. Coverage will be paid for with unused funds already appropriated for the program. To prevent a coverage gap, enrollees need to select a plan during open enrollment for a May 1, 2014 effective date.

PCIP enrollees can visit www.pciplan.com for questions about benefits, doctors and services.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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