



DC Healthcare Alliance —

What You Need to Know About Health Care Reform

Under the new health care reform law, many DC residents will be able to sign up for health coverage through DC Health Link. If you are a DC resident and lawfully present, and you are enrolled in DC Healthcare Alliance, you may be able to get health coverage through DC Health Link. DC Health Link is a new marketplace for DC residents to apply for health coverage and help paying for health coverage. Many people who don't have health insurance will be able to get coverage.

DC Healthcare Alliance Will Stay the Same after October 1, 2013

- Healthcare services that are covered under the DC Healthcare Alliance will continue to be covered.
- If you are in an Amerihealth, MedStar or Trusted plan, you will continue to be in that plan.
- DC residents, regardless of immigration status, can get the DC Healthcare Alliance.
- DC Healthcare Alliance members will still have to go to the Department of Human Services every six months to prove they are eligible.

Some Alliance Members Can Choose to Enroll in Health Coverage through DC Health Link

If you are a documented immigrant living in the District of Columbia, and you have income from 100-200% Federal Poverty Level \$958-1,915/month for one person and higher if additional people are in the home, you may be required to have health insurance or pay a tax penalty.

- **If you keep your DC Healthcare Alliance**
 - You won't have copayments (costs of services) or premiums (monthly payment to be in a plan).
 - You may have to pay a tax penalty, you may not get a tax refund, or the refund may be smaller.
- **If you enroll in a private insurance plan through DC Health Link**
 - You will get more health care benefits and will have a wider choice of doctors.
 - You may be able to get help from the federal government to pay for your health care coverage, but your health care costs will be higher.
 - You will not pay a tax penalty.

Learn About Your Options and Get Help with DC Healthcare Alliance

What You Should Do: If you have DC Healthcare Alliance, you may have to make a choice about your health care coverage. Ask questions. Don't give out your personal information to someone you don't know. Talk to someone you trust. You can call DC Health Link Customer Service at (855) 532-5465/TTY (855) 532-5465 or go online to www.dchealthlink.com.

If you have these questions or experienced these situations, you can call the below places for help.

- Should you stay in the DC Healthcare Alliance? Do you have a choice about your healthcare coverage?
- Have you gotten a phone call or letter about the DC Healthcare Alliance or a private health plan?
- Has someone called you and said your health care will end, and you need to give them your personal information to sign up for their plan?
- Has your doctor's office told you that your DC Healthcare Alliance will not cover your medical services or said that your card doesn't work?

Call one of these places to find out about how to get help:

- **Bread for the City** at (202) 265-2400 in Northwest D.C. or (202) 561-8587 in Southeast D.C.
- **Legal Aid Society of D.C.** at (202) 628-1161
- **Legal Counsel for the Elderly** (for people ages 60 and older) at (202) 434-2120
- **The Whitman-Walker Clinic** (for people living with HIV and AIDS) at (202) 969-7627