

The New Health Law & You



The Affordable Care Act
and DC Health Link

General Presentation

Goals of the New Health Law

- Protect consumers against unfair insurance industry practices
- Give consumers more insurance options
- Give small business owners more clout



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New Rights

Insurance companies can no longer:

- Deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions
- Charge women of child-bearing age higher premiums
- Place annual or lifetime caps on coverage
- Charge higher premiums to small businesses based on their industry (i.e., construction)

New Benefits

All insurance policies must cover:

- Doctor visits
- Hospital stays
- Emergency room care
- Maternity and newborn care
- Prescription drugs
- Lab tests
- Preventive tests and services
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
- Mental health care
- Substance use disorder services
- Dental and vision care for children

New Responsibilities

For individuals and families:

- Most people have to have health insurance or pay a penalty
 - *Either \$95 per adult or 1% of income in 2014, whichever is higher*
 - *Higher amounts every year* Financial help will be available to people with low and moderate incomes
- Those who cannot afford insurance even with extra help can apply for an exemption from the penalty

Help Paying for Insurance

Many residents, without other coverage options, will be eligible for help paying premiums:

- Individuals with income up to \$45,960
- Two-person families with income up to \$62,024
- Four-person families with income up to \$94,200

Help for Small Businesses

- Tax credits are available if business has
 - Fewer than 25 full-time workers
 - Average wages of \$50,000 or less
- Tax credits can cover as much as
 - 50% of a for-profit employer's contribution
 - 35% of a non-profit employer's contribution

What is DC Health Link?

- **DCHealthLink.com** -- An online marketplace where individuals, families, and small businesses can shop for high-quality, affordable coverage
- A place to access help paying for health insurance or applying for Medicaid



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The District's New Health Insurance Marketplace

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Who Can Shop for Health Insurance on DC Health Link?

Individuals and families who legally reside in the District including those who are:

- Uninsured
- Buy their own insurance today
- Work part-time and aren't eligible for coverage through their job

Small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees

CHOICE OF 301 PLANS

34 Individual & Family Plans from:

2 Aetna companies

2 Carefirst BlueCross BlueShield companies

Kaiser Permanente

267 Small Group Plans from:

All of the above

plus 2 United HealthCare companies

Employer Setup

Step 1: Select Coverage Effective Date

Highlights:

- Select coverage effective date (shop for plans up to 3 months prior)
- Choose coverage for employees only or include family members
- Optional: Can offer different plans

The screenshot shows the DC Health Link Small Businesses Employer Setup interface. The top navigation bar includes the DC Health Link logo and the text "SMALL BUSINESSES". Below the navigation bar, there are three main steps: 1 Quoting, 2 Eligibility, and 3 Enrollment. The Quoting step is currently active. The interface is divided into several sections: Company Information, Options, Plans, Contributions, Summary, and Enroll. The "Tell us about your company" section contains fields for *Company Name, *Effective Date of Coverage (with a calendar icon), Standard Industry Classification (SIC) Code (with a Search button), and SIC Description. The "Headquarters" section contains fields for *Primary Location Name (pre-filled with "Headquarters"), *State (with a dropdown arrow), and *ZIP Code, along with an "Add Location" button. The "Plan Coverage" section contains a question "Who will be offered health coverage?" with two radio button options: "Employee(s) Only" and "Employee(s) & Dependent(s)".

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1 Quoting 2 Eligibility 3 Enrollment ?

Company Information Options Plans Contributions Summary Enroll

Tell us about your company

*Company Name

*Effective Date of Coverage

Standard Industry Classification (SIC) Code [Search](#)

SIC Description

Headquarters

*Primary Location Name

*State

*ZIP Code

[Add Location](#)

Plan Coverage

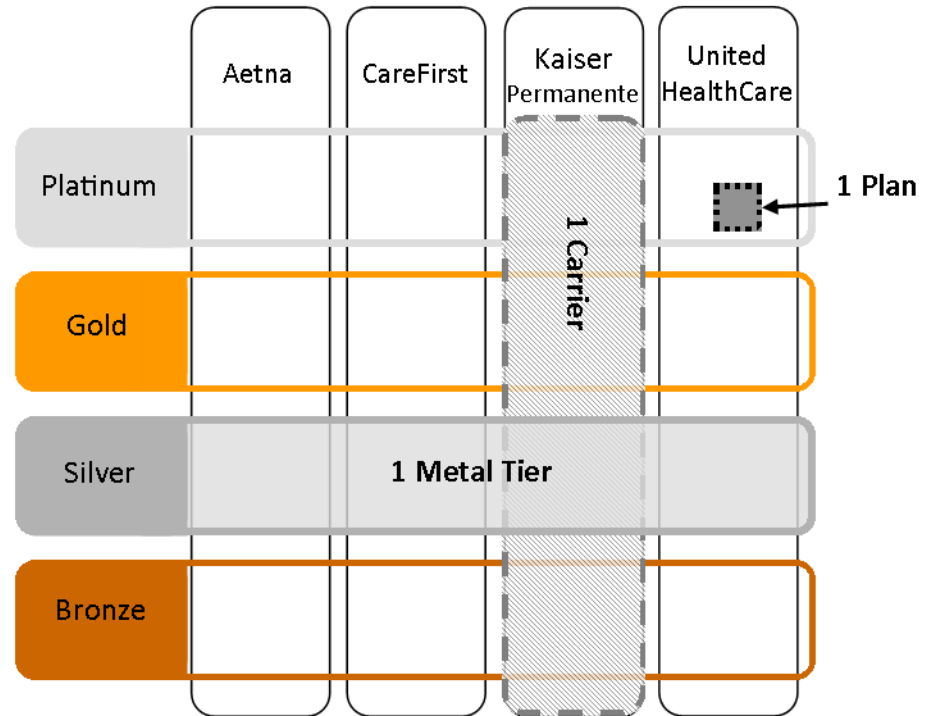
Who will be offered health coverage? Employee(s) Only Employee(s) & Dependent(s)

Employer Setup

Step 2: Select Plans

Employers will be able to choose how many plans to offer to employees:

- All Plans in 1 Metal Level
- All Plans from 1 Carrier
- 1 Plan



Employer Setup

Step 2: Select Plans


Plans are categorized into “metal levels” for easier comparison

- Plans will have different designs, such as deductibles, copays, and coinsurance


	Plan pays (approximately)...	You pay (approximately)...
Platinum	90%	10%
Gold	80%	20%
Silver	70%	30%
Bronze	60%	40%
	...of covered health expenses	...in deductibles, copays, & coinsurance

Employer Setup

Step 3: Select Contributions



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1 Your Preferences 2 Eligibility 3 Enrollment ?

Company Information Options Plans Contributions Summary Enroll

All Employees: Percentage based contributions

Pay a percentage of the plan cost for each employee
Enter your monthly contribution percentage [Change Contribution Type](#)

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All Employees

Contribution Percentage:

Employer Contribution:

*Employees *Dependents

Previous Save and Exit Continue

Employer Setup

Step 4: Employer Information

Enter basic information about the employer including:

- Employer Name
- DBA Name, if applicable
- Federal EIN
- Employer Type
- Business Address
- Primary Contact Info
- Notice Preferences

Employer Information

To finalize your participation in the Exchange, we need to set up an account and collect additional information about your company.

Employer name & address

*Employer name

Doing business as(name)

*Federal Employer Identification Number(EIN)

*Employer Type

Primary business address

*Business address Line 1

Business address Line 2

*City

*State

*ZIP Code

Contact name & email address

Check here if you are the contact?

Name *First Name Middle Initial

*Last Name Suffix

Title

*E-mail address

Employer Setup

Step 5: Employee Census

Enter Employee Census

- Upload or
- Manually Add

For eligible employees:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Date of Hire
- SSN/TIN
- Email Address
- Mailing Address
- Location (if used)

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Frequently Asked Questions
More FAQs

Q. How do I assign an Agent or Broker to my account?
Q. How do I search for a Navigator?

Employee Details [Import Census](#)

Headquarters
State:DC, ZIP Code: 20002 Employee Count: 0

First Name	Last Name	DOB	Zip Code	EE Class	Tobacco Users
No Employees have been entered					

Add Employee

Employee Count: 0

Census Import Wizard

Download the [Import Census Template.xls](#)

Upload An Existing Template: * No file chosen

Help is Available

DCHealthLink.com -- DCHealthLink.com is your online enrollment portal and informational resource

Contact Center -- **1-855-532-5465** Open 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. midnight, Monday through Saturday, October 1 – March 31. After March 31, regular extended hours of 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

In-Person Assisters-- Community-based organizations that have partnered with us to be on the ground and in your community to help you learn about the law, apply and enroll

Brokers-- Insurance brokers are our partners and will be available to support you. DCHealthLink.com will also be able to connect you with a broker

Be Aware of Fraud, Scams and Abuse

-- Red Flags --

- The salesperson who says you could go to jail for not having health insurance
- A salesperson who says the premium offer is only good for a limited time.
- Unsolicited phone calls or emails from someone trying to sell insurance, asking for your social security number or money.
- Fake websites or offers to sign you up for coverage before January 1, 2014. There is only one official website for DC Health Link, www.DCHealthLink.com.

DC Health Link Trained Experts

Certified DC Health Link Assisters

- Wear ID badges and have wallet ID cards
- Are on the DC Health Link Trained Experts Directory
- Completed 30+ hours of DC Health Link training
- Passed a background check

Registered Insurance Brokers

- Are on the DC Health Link Trained Experts Directory
- Completed DC health Link Training
- Licensed by the District of Columbia, Department of Insurance

Report Fraud, Scams and Abuse

Department of Insurance Securities and Banking
(DISB) (Insurance Commissioner)

- Call **(202) 727-8000**
- Email at disb@dc.gov
- Visit disb.dc.gov to file a secure complaint online.
- Call DC Health Link at 855-532-5465 and they can help you access a DISB complaint form

Key Dates to Remember

- **October 1, 2013:** DC Health Link Opened
- **December 12, 2013:** Small businesses must have enrolled and paid the first premium for coverage to be effective January 1, 2014
- **December 15, 2013:** Individuals and families must have enrolled and paid the first premium coverage to be effective January 1, 2014
- **January 1, 2014:** First day coverage can begin
- **March 31, 2014:** Open Enrollment closes for individuals and families
- **NOTE:** Small businesses can shop any time of year

Thank you!

To learn more:

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- Like us on Facebook: DC Health Benefit Exchange
- Follow us on twitter @dchbx