

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR COVID-19 SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD EXTENSION

Current COVID-19 SEP

- The exceptional circumstances special enrollment period (SEP) for both the individual and SHOP markets for COVID-19 is set to end January 31, 2021 (the end of the DC Health Link's Open Enrollment period) or the last day of the month in which the District of Columbia's public health emergency (PHE) expires, whichever is later.
- *Effective Date of Coverage* - The effective date of coverage is the first day of the month in which the individual or employee selects a plan **or** first day of the month following plan selection, at the option of the qualified individual or employee. If enrolling in family coverage, dependents have the same effective date as the enrolling individual or employee.
- Presently, the public health emergency in the District is scheduled to expire on July 25, 2021. Without an extension, the COVID-19 SEP will expire July 31, 2021.

Proposal

- On May 6, 2021, the Standing Advisory Board voted 7 to 1 to extend the existing COVID-19 SEPs in the individual and SHOP markets through January 31, 2022 - the end of DC Health Link's next open enrollment period or the last day of the month in which the District's PHE expires, whichever is later.
- The SAB recommendation does not change the effective date of coverage.

Background Information

Other States' Action on COVID-19 SEP

- April 30, 2021 – ID
- July 16, 2021 – MN
- July 23, 2021 – MA
- August 15, 2021 – States using Healthcare.gov, along with CO, CT, MD, NV, PA, RI, and WA
- October 1, 2021 – VT
- December 31, 2021 – CA, NY, NJ

DC Health Link Data on SEP Usage

Individual and Family Marketplace

A total of 2,225 people enrolled in coverage from February 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 (since open enrollment ended). Comparison of enrollments over time by age:

AGE GROUP	Open Enrollment 2021 Nov 1, 2020 to Jan 31, 2021	SEP 2021 Feb 1, 2021 to Jun 30, 2021	SEP 2020 Feb 1, 2020 to Jun 30, 2020	SEP 2019 Feb 1, 2019 to Jun 30, 2019
0-17	9%	10%	10%	12%
18-34	52%	51%	50%	49%
35-54	30%	30%	31%	30%
55+	9%	9%	9%	9%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

AGE GROUP	Open Enrollment 2021 Nov 1, 2020 to Jan 31, 2021	SEP 2021 Feb 1, 2021 to Jun 30, 2021	SEP 2020 Feb 1, 2020 to Jun 30, 2020	SEP 2019 Feb 1, 2019 to Jun 30, 2019
0-17	312	211	340	317
18-34	1737	1135	1663	1274
35-54	988	669	1024	776
55+	303	210	314	251
TOTAL	3,340	2,225	3,341	2,618

Small Business (SHOP) Marketplace

A total of 1,087 people enrolled in coverage using the COVID-19 SEP from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Comparison of enrollments over time by age:

AGE GROUP	COVID SEP Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 30, 2021	NON-COVID SEP Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 30, 2021
0-17	20%	18%
18-34	40%	47%
35-54	30%	28%
55+	10%	7%
TOTAL	100%	100%

AGE GROUP	COVID SEP Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 30, 2021	NON-COVID SEP Jan 1, 2021 to Jun 30, 2021
0-17	214	1542
18-34	437	3932
35-54	329	2351
55+	107	559
TOTAL	1,087	8,384