



Policy Updates



Individual Responsibility Requirement

The federal mandate requiring individuals to have health coverage ended in 2018. On January 1, 2019, a new District of Columbia law went into effect requiring DC residents to have qualifying health coverage, qualify for an exemption, or pay a penalty on their DC taxes. This law is called the [individual responsibility requirement](#).

To help consumers who may not know about this new law enroll in coverage and minimize their tax penalty, DC Health Link is offering a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to uninsured DC residents who learn about the individual responsibility requirement while filing their 2018 taxes. Under this SEP, eligible residents can enroll in coverage through the Individual & Family market. This [tip sheet](#) lists specific questions your clients should be prepared to answer when contacting DC Health Link to learn about their options under this new SEP opportunity.

Plan Match Integration

It's now easier than ever for Employees to use Plan Match – DC Health Link's decision support tool powered by Consumers' CHECKBOOK. Employees who login to their DC Health Link account can now shop with their personal household information and Employer's contribution levels pre-populated in Plan Match. Once they select the plan that's right for them, Employees will be able complete plan enrollment. We began offering this option in the Individual & Family market in 2018 and are excited to extend it to Employees.

Upcoming Meetings



Producer Advisory Committee

The Producer Advisory Committee advises on how to best use the experience and skills of insurance Brokers and agents to help people choose coverage. All meetings are public, and the [schedule, agendas, and minutes](#) are also available. If you have policy concerns that you would like this group to discuss, please attend a meeting or submit your suggestions to PPM.Committees@dc.gov.

The 2018-2020 Producer Advisory Committee members are:

- Lee Bethel, Comprehensive Benefit Services Inc. (Chair)
- Janet Trautwein, National Association of Health Underwriters (Vice Chair)
- Yodit Abebe, Community of Hope
- Ben D'Avanzo, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
- Stephanie Cohen, Golden & Cohen
- Margarita Dilone, Crystal Insurance Group Inc.
- Cheryl Fish-Parcham, Families USA
- Ileana Jarrin, Crawford Advisors
- Sheebani Patel, Kaiser Permanente
- Tamara Pearsall, Employee Benefits Corporation of America
- Nabila Rahman, CareFirst

Broker-IT Working Group

The Broker-IT Working Group will reconvene this spring. All meetings are public, and the [schedule, agendas, and minutes](#) are also available. If you have IT concerns or suggestions for this group, please attend a meeting or submit your suggestions in writing to PPM.Committees@dc.gov.

The current members of the Broker-IT Working Group are:

- Lee Bethel
- Laura Chaney
- Janice Davis
- Margarita Dilone
- Steve Feldman
- Ileana Jarrin
- Tamara Pearsall
- Brandon Quick
- Katrina Reynolds

Quarterly Webinar June 27

Starting with our next webinar, we will record and post all Broker webinars to our website. To facilitate recording, we will start and end on time, and all lines will be muted until the floor opens for questions and comments. If you do not want to be recorded, you can access the webinar recording.

Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 1:00pm
Call-in Toll Number: (650) 479-3208
Meeting Number (Access Code): 730 328 267
Meeting Password: producer

Enrollment Deadlines



May 1 Coverage for Small Businesses

Initial Groups

- April 1
Last day to complete initial Employer application
- April 10
Last day of Employee open enrollment period; invoices become available in the employer's account the first business day after Employee open enrollment closes
- April 12
Last day to pay initial premium

Renewal Groups

- April 5
Last day to complete Employer renewal application
- April 13
Last day of Employee open enrollment period
- Premium Payments
Deadline is listed on the mailed monthly invoice, which is also posted to the Employer's online account the first week of the month

References and Resources



Check out our Broker Tools

DC Health Link has guides for Brokers with step-by-step instructions.

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