



## Updates



### **COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Update**

The District extended the public health emergency (PHE) until July 25, 2021. District residents who need health insurance, and employees (and their dependents) of small businesses that offer coverage through DC Health Link can still get covered using the COVID-19 SEP. This SEP is available through the end of the month when the District of Columbia's PHE ends.

For the latest information on DC's work to address COVID-19, including PHE declarations and extensions, continue to check our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) page](#).

### **SHOP Flexible Enrollment Options Extended**

DC Health Link will continue to extend its flexible enrollment options to employers through the end of 2022. This means small businesses can start offering coverage, even if they do not meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Fifty percent minimum employer contribution toward employee premiums
- Minimum participation by two-thirds of eligible employees

As a reminder, small businesses still need to meet all [other eligibility requirements](#). For more information, see [Small Business FAQs](#).

### **Coverage for Dependent Children Age 26**

Under the law, dependent children can remain on their parents' health plans until age 26. If the dependent child of an Individual & Family or Small Business client turns 26 during the calendar year, the child's coverage will end on December 31 of that year. After that date, the child is no longer eligible to stay on their parent's health plan. To avoid gaps in coverage, we recommend that the child apply for and enroll into their own coverage as early as possible in December so that their coverage is in place for January 1.

### **New Broker Recertification Guide**

DC Health Link requires Brokers to recertify every two years. To help you easily navigate the recertification requirements and process, we've created a new [guide](#). Whether you've received an email from us to recertify or need a refresher, check it out!

## Enrollment Deadlines



Unsure of DC Health Link small business deadlines? Use this [tool](#) to enter a coverage effective date and get a list of important dates for new and renewing groups. You can even print the deadlines with the click of a button.

[SHOP DEADLINES TOOL](#)

## References and Resources



### Check out our Broker Tools

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

[BROKER TOOLS](#)

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