

Administrative Information Bulletin 02-21

Amendment to Administrative Bulletin 01-21 Guidance Regarding Extension of Open Enrollment for Calendar Year 2021 Via Special Enrollment Period Due to the Novel Coronavirus SARS-Cov-2, Which Causes the Disease COVID-19

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The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (the “Health Connector”) issued Bulletin 01-2021 on January 22, 2021 to extend Open Enrollment for Calendar Year 2021 to March 23, 2021 by designating a temporary special enrollment period due to the persistent threat of SARS-CoV-2, which causes the disease COVID-19, to the health and welfare of Massachusetts residents. On January 28, President Biden signed an, “Executive Order on Strengthening Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act,” directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to create a special enrollment period for the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (“FFM”); the Secretary of Health and Human Services promptly did so, creating an FFM special enrollment period from February 15, 2021 through May 15, 2021. Consistent with those actions, the Health Connector believes that the ongoing need to ensure adequate access to resources to receive appropriate testing and treatment for COVID-19 requires a further extension of its Open Enrollment period. Therefore, the Health Connector hereby amends the end date of the special enrollment period in Bulletin 01-2021 to be May 23, 2021.

As previously noted in Bulletin 01-2021, residents of Massachusetts do not need to take special action in order to take advantage of this special enrollment period; it will be available to all applicants otherwise eligible for non-group Health Connector plans.

This Bulletin takes effect immediately.