

Administrative Information Bulletin 04-20

Amendment to Administrative Bulletin 03-20 Guidance Regarding Special Enrollment Periods Due to the Emergence of 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 02-2020 on March 11, 2020 to designate the emergence of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, which causes the disease COVID-19, as a temporary triggering event in accordance with its authority pursuant to federal regulations at 45 C.F.R. § 155.420(d). The effect of this triggering event was a special enrollment period of 45 days ending on April 25, 2020. After determining that the length of that special enrollment period was no longer commensurate with the need to maintain adequate access to the resources necessary to receive appropriate testing and treatment for COVID-19, the Health Connector issued Bulletin 03-2020 on March 30, 2020 to extend that special enrollment period for 30 days, ending May 25, 2020. There is ongoing need to ensure adequate access to resources necessary to receive appropriate testing and treatment for COVID-19. Therefore, the Health Connector is extending this special enrollment period by 29 days and, correspondingly, amending the end date of that special enrollment period to be June 23, 2020.

As previously noted in Bulletins 02-20 and 03-20, to access this special enrollment period, individuals must be otherwise eligible for a Health Connector plan and must not already be enrolled in health insurance coverage through the Health Connector.

The Health Connector reserves the right to verify that individuals meet the requirement of being a new enrollee before granting individuals access to this special enrollment period.

This Bulletin takes effect immediately.