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It’s Almost Time for Open Enrollment 2019
Get Ready to Get New Yorkers Covered!

Open Enrollment Begins November 1, Renewals and New Clients November 16, 2018

Over 10 percent of New York enrollees will see cost increases in 2019, and Qualified Health Plan enrollees for small businesses may see a 20 percent increase in rates. Some of the most significant cost increases are in the individual market, where some enrollees will see 50 percent increases or more. The Small Business Marketplace rates are also expected to increase.

Once again, New York is giving consumers more time to make important health coverage decisions by extending the final deadline for Qualified Health Plan enrollment to January 31, 2019, well beyond the deadline set by the Federal government.

Thank you for all of your hard work in getting New Yorkers covered and helping to make Open Enrollment a success. As a result of one of these things happening at the Marketplace during our 6th Open Enrollment Period.

Email Messages Prep Consumers for Enrollment

Throughout the open enrollment period, the NY State of Health discards messages to consumers about enrollment. These messages will prepare consumers for important health coverage decisions. They will also include links to the NY State of Health provider and health plan look-up tool.

2019 Health Plan Participation

• 16 insurers will offer the Essential Plan
• 12 insurers will offer Qualified Health Plans (QHP)
• 1 insurer will offer a Small Business Marketplace (SBMP)

• Domestic Premiums are expected to increase by $12 per month. This is a 21 percent increase. The average rate increase is expected to be 7.7 percent. The average rate increase is expected to be 7.7 percent.

Other Emails:

• Renewal Reminder - Qualified Health Plan
• Reminder to Pick a Plan (Essential Plan) - Monthly, year-round
• Reminder to Pick a Plan (Qualified Health Plan) - November, December
• Reminder to Pick a Plan (Qualified Health Plan) - New York
• Renewal Reminders - December
• Today’s the Day to Renew - November
• Get Ready for Good Health in 2019 - October
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• Importance of Enrolling

Games and Giveaways Spark Conversation with Consumers

Games, prizes, and giveaways can help spark conversations about the public health and insurance available through the Marketplace. Effective in the fall, New York is introducing a new series of events.

Effective in April 2018, eligible small employers access tax credits by completing a short QHI form. The amount of tax credits is determined by the number of full-time employees and the percentage of employee health insurance costs paid by the employer. The maximum credit is $6,000 per full-time employee.

Renewal Deadline Reminder

• 12 insurers will offer Qualified Health Plan (QHP)
• Deadline Reminder Qualified Health Plan, January

Other Emails:

• Renewal Reminder - Qualified Health Plan and Small Business Marketplace (SBMP)

Games giving employees more options to choose from than ever before.

Easier Access to Tax Credits for Small Businesses

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Thousands of Visitors and Oral State Fair

More than 12,000 Fair State attendees stopped by the NY State of Health booth to learn more about the Marketplace. Often these interactions lead to appointments and enrollments.

Find the Right Plan Using the Right Resources

Making health insurance decisions is easier with the right information at your fingertips. Remember to refer clients to the NYS Provider and Health Plan Look-Up tool when they are deciding which health plan to enroll in or when searching for a hospital or doctor, that participates in their health plan.

Assistor Certification Trainings

The NY State of Health is seeking qualified personnel to work in its health assessor agencies across the state. There are two NY State of Health Assessor Certification programs:

• Complete all online Assessor Trainings:

• Scheduled seminars take place throughout the year. To register, please call the NY State of Health at 877-695-0528 or visit their website nyfoh.ny.gov.

Tell us what you think!
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