***Bulletin Insert or Announcement***

**Covered California 2019 Special Enrollment Now Underway**

**You can still get health insurance through Covered California Special Enrollment and Medi-Cal**

Now that Covered California’s Open Enrollment period has ended, you still may be able to sign up for health coverage or make changes to your existing health insurance plan if you experience a ***qualifying life event***– and even get financial help to pay monthly health care costs. In most cases, you have 60 days from the date of the qualifying life event to enroll in a health insurance plan or change your existing Covered California plan. This is called **“Special Enrollment.”**

**Additionally, those who have lower incomes may qualify to enroll in no-cost or low-cost Medi-Cal health plans, and Medi-Cal enrollment is year-round.**

**Examples of qualifying life events for Covered California Special Enrollment are:**

* Losing your health coverage (from loss of employment, divorce, leaving active military duty or other circumstances).
* Getting married or entering into a domestic partnership.
* Having or adopting a baby.
* Moving outside your health plan’s coverage area (for example, from southern California to northern California).
* Moving to California.
* Turning 26-years-old. Once you turn 26, you cannot stay on your parent’s health insurance plan.
* Becoming a U.S. citizen or legal resident of California
* Significant income changes. Either the amount you make goes down substantially and you are eligible to get *more* financial assistance to help pay for insurance, or the amount you make goes up substantially and you are eligible for *less* financial assistance.

These are just some of the more common qualifying life events for Covered California Special Enrollment. You can find out more [here.](https://www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/special-enrollment/)

**How to sign up during Covered California Special Enrollment:**

You can enroll online at [www.CoveredCA.com](http://www.CoveredCA.com). On the website, you will be able to shop and compare between health plans and determine which one best fits you, your family and your budget. You can also find free, in-person, confidential help from Covered California’s Certified Enrollment Counselors and Agents near you that can help you enroll in a health plan in the “Free Local Help to Enroll” section: [www.coveredca.com/find-help/](http://www.coveredca.com/find-help/) In addition, you can call toll-free (800) 300-1506 and a Covered California Service Representative will walk you through the enrollment process, help you fill out the application, and sign you up over the phone.