

STARTING OCTOBER 2013

Maryland Health Connection: Quality health coverage that fits your budget

Introducing a new hassle-free way to shop for health coverage. Even if you've never been able to afford health insurance before, you may qualify for financial help to pay for private health insurance for you and your family. Or you may be eligible for Medicaid.

TIMELINE TO HEALTH COVERAGE



Maryland Health Connection is our state's new health insurance marketplace that will make it easier for Marylanders to shop, compare and enroll in quality health coverage.

Beginning in October, if you need health coverage, you can go to Maryland Health Connection to:

- ✘ Shop, compare and enroll in a plan that best meets your and your family's needs
- ✘ See if you are eligible for federal tax credits and subsidies to help cover insurance costs
- ✘ Check eligibility for public health programs, such as Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), for yourself or a family member
- ✘ Link to the call center for assistance

If you or your children are currently enrolled in Medicaid, you do not need to do anything. You will be contacted when it is time to renew. In 2014, you can renew your Medicaid coverage through Maryland Health Connection.

Get covered... for your health and peace of mind

By law, under the Affordable Care Act, most people over age 18 must have health insurance beginning in 2014 or pay a fine. If you have Medicaid or Medicare coverage, you meet the requirement.



Applying is free, easy & confidential

At Maryland Health Connection, you can see your coverage options, all in one place, with one application. You can compare a wide variety of private health plans and make apples-to-apples comparisons of their costs and coverage, to help decide which one is right for you.

The core benefits that all health plans must offer include:

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| ✘ Doctor visits | ✘ Prescriptions |
| ✘ Hospitalization | ✘ Medical tests |
| ✘ Emergency care | ✘ Mental health care |
| ✘ Maternity care | ✘ Substance abuse treatment |
| ✘ Pediatric care | |

Plans must cover preventive care at no extra cost to you, including flu and pneumonia shots, birth control, routine vaccinations, and cancer screenings such as mammograms and colonoscopies.

Health coverage gives you protection and peace of mind. If you get sick or have an accident, you'll have access to medical care. And starting in 2014, no one can be denied health coverage because of a pre-existing condition.

How do I find out more?

Go to **MarylandHealthConnection.gov** for more information and to sign up for updates.