



## New Marketplace Special Enrollment Periods Announced Medicaid Enrollment Continues Year-Round

DES MOINES, Iowa - The federal Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period ends on March 31, 2014, but special enrollment periods have been announced.

Federal officials have assured that consumers who are in line by the March 31 deadline to complete enrollment will get covered.

And, under limited circumstances, people with complex cases may qualify for a special enrollment period. These include, for example, victims of domestic abuse and consumers who were found ineligible for Medicaid, but whose accounts were not accepted by the Marketplace in a timely way before March 31. These special cases are for specific situations where a consumer was not able to successfully complete enrollment during the open enrollment period despite their efforts to do so and through no fault of their own.

Please click here for more information on these special enrollment periods: <http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/sep-complex-cases.pdf> For additional information about the **Health Insurance Marketplace**, please visit: <https://www.healthcare.gov/> or call 1-800-318-2596.

**Medicaid enrollment will continue throughout the year.** There is no open enrollment period for any Medicaid program, which means individuals may sign up all year long. This includes the new Iowa Health and Wellness Plan, which is a Medicaid program and follows Medicaid enrollment policies.

To apply with DHS:

- Go online: <https://dhsservices.iowa.gov/>
- Call the DHS Contact Center at 1-855-889-7985, 7a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday- Friday
- Visit a local DHS office

Anyone can apply to see if they qualify for medical assistance. Many programs are available to Iowans like Medicaid, *hawk-i*, and the new Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. Individuals will receive notice from DHS of their eligibility for any programs after their application is processed. Individuals can check on the status of a health care application submitted to DHS by calling the DHS Contact Center at 1-855-889-7985, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday- Friday.

For additional information about applying for **Medicaid**, please visit: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Members/ApplicationProcess.html>.