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April 30 Marks End of Open Enrollment for Marketplace, Medicaid Enrollment Continues Year-Round

DES MOINES, Iowa- The federal Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period has been extended to a Special Enrollment Period lasting through April 30 for those who qualify. Individuals who qualify include: those individuals who were not aware of the Affordable Care Act requirement to maintain minimum essential coverage, those individuals who are subject to the Shared Responsibility Payment on their 2014 taxes or not enrolled in 2015 coverage through the Marketplace.

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.

After the federal Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period has ended, individuals looking for Medicaid coverage may continue to apply through the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) website. Individuals may also apply via phone or in person at a local DHS office.

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*, the Children's Health Insurance Program and the 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://dhs.iowa.gov/how-to-apply> .

For additional information about the Health Insurance Marketplace and enrollment periods, please visit: <https://www.healthcare.gov/>, or call 1-800-318-2596.