Opportunities to Assist Consumers Right Now









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Uninsured/Coverage Loss in NC

- 557,000 North Carolinians have lost employer-based coverage due to COVID-19 (Source)
 - Includes employees and family members who were on employerbased health plans
- 16% of adults (age 19-64) in North Carolina are uninsured (Source)*
 - 95,000 uninsured adults are eligible for Medicaid (Source)*
 - 448,000 uninsured adults eligible for premium tax credits (<u>Source</u>)*

Enrollment assisters can help connect these individuals to Medicaid & Marketplace coverage.

- Enroll in Medicaid throughout the year
- Enroll in Marketplace under Special Enrollment Period (SEP)

^{*}Kaiser Family Foundation, 2018

Enrolling Under SEP

Common SEPs used during pandemic:

- Loss of coverage SEP
 - Available 60 days before/after loss of coverage date
- Moving out of Coverage Gap SEP
 - Household income rises above 100% federal poverty level
- Exceptional circumstances SEP
 - Consumers who missed their SEP window due to COVID-19

Resources

- SEP Screener
- SEP Reference Chart (updated July 2020)
- COVID-19 Quick Tips
- <u>Simplified SEP Reference Chart</u> (focused on COVID-19 life events)
- Additional resources

Strategies to Increase Awareness

- Many consumers assume they are not eligible for Marketplace subsidies, are unaware of available SEPs, and believe that the ACA no longer exists
- SEPs are available to nearly all who have lost coverage due to the pandemic.
- •Some consumers may have tried to enroll on their own but have found it unaffordable due to incorrect estimation of income



We're Here to Help

- •North Carolina Navigators and Certified Application Counselors are prepared to help North Carolinians in finding a quality, affordable health coverage plan that fits their budget and needs
- •Free, and safe, one on one remote assistance appointments are available across the state
- •Over 75% of consumers enrolled since the beginning of the pandemic have picked a plan with a monthly premium of less than \$80.00

We Need Your help

- •Due to the pandemic we are unable to perform in-person outreach to push out these messages while connecting us to the consumers who need our services, so we need your help in getting these messages out
- •Please share these messages, as well as the <u>materials in the dropbox folder</u> that will be sent out in the notes, with your clients, patients, etc.
- •Really help us by booking the appointment with the consumer(s) that need assistance

Connector

- NCNavigator.net
- 855-733-3711
- List appointment availability
 - Can indicate appointments are available by phone/remote





FIND LOCAL HELP

Need help with your health insurance application? Enter your ZIP code below to find appointments with local application assisters.

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Questions?

