



## New SHOP SEP for COVID-19

DCHL knows we're all working to be as responsive as possible to our consumers and stakeholders at this time of uncertainty. DCHL is writing to highlight a two-page resolution that our agency adopted the evening of April 1 [here](#) creating a new COVID-19 SEP in our small business market. This opportunity grants employees and their dependents full SEP rights.

Effective immediately, when employees log into their DC Health Link account, they will see a banner at the top of the screen explaining this new SEP opportunity. For your convenience, here is the text:

*"For a Coronavirus (COVID-19) special enrollment period, choose 'Lost or will soon lose other health insurance /COVID-19' under 'Have life changes?'. Enter the first of this month if you want coverage to start at the beginning of this month OR enter today's date if you want coverage to start the first of next month. For example, if I'm signing up on April 3 and want coverage starting April 1, I would enter 04/01/2020. OR If I'm signing up on April 3 and want coverage starting May 1, I would enter 04/03/2020."*

DC Health Link is still ironing out their full policy on extending payment flexibility to small businesses experiencing hardship.