



Updates



American Rescue Plan Lowering Health Insurance Premiums

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan became law. The law includes provisions that lower health insurance premiums for District residents.

Individual & Family market

- **Clients receiving lower monthly premiums will pay even less for their coverage.** These clients don't need to do anything – we've already updated their premiums for them.
- **Clients who didn't qualify for lower monthly premiums before may now qualify.** No one will pay more than 8.5 percent of their income on premiums. Clients can also use our [Plan Match tool](#) to get an estimate of what they qualify for in less than five minutes.
- **Clients can login to their DC Health Link account today and apply for these new savings.** All they need to do is complete an application for premium reductions and see how much their monthly premiums will decrease. They'll also be able to apply those premium reductions to their existing plan and see their new premium.
- **Clients who received unemployment insurance at any point in 2021 qualify for premiums as low as \$2 per month.**
- **For new customers, DC Health Link is in open enrollment for the American Rescue Plan!**

Small Business market

- From April 1 through September 30, 2021, the American Rescue Plan will pay 100 percent of COBRA premiums for laid-off workers.

For more information, check out our [American Rescue Plan FAQs](#). We frequently update these FAQs, which are translated into six languages.

Individual & Family Open Enrollment

We're in open enrollment for the American Rescue Plan! Beginning March 29, 2021, Individual & Family market customers can enroll in coverage the same way they normally do for our annual open enrollment period beginning November 1.

As you work with your clients, keep in mind that the plan start date depends on when your client enrolls.

- Enroll by April 15, 2021 for a May 1, 2021 start date
- Enroll by May 15, 2021 for a June 1, 2021 start date
- Enroll by June 15, 2021 for a July 1, 2021 start date

If your client needs coverage right away, choose the COVID-19 special enrollment period (SEP) in their DC Health Link account. Your client can choose coverage starting the first of this month or the first of next month.

Example: If today is April 21, your client can choose coverage starting April 1 or May 1.

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Extended

The District extended the public health emergency until May 20, 2021. District residents who need health insurance, and employees (and their dependents) of small businesses that offer coverage through DC Health Link can still get covered using the COVID-19 SEP. This SEP is available through the end of the public health emergency.

For the latest information, we encourage you and your clients to continue checking our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) page](#).

7th Annual POWERUP DC

DC Health Link will host our 7th annual POWERUP DC Small Business Summit on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, from 10am-1pm. Join us as we celebrate virtually National Small Business Week, and take part in seminars that include tips and tools to grow your business in these challenging times. We're also featuring the first-ever Small Business Platinum Awards to recognize organizations and small business owners succeeding amid the public health emergency.

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Enrollment Deadlines



Unsure of DC Health Link small business deadlines? Use this [tool](#) to enter a coverage effective date and get a list of important dates for new and renewing groups. You can even print the deadlines with the click of a button.

[SHOP DEADLINES TOOL](#)

References and Resources



Check out our Broker Tools

DC Health Link has guides for Brokers with step-by-step instructions.

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