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## Special Enrollment Period from March 15 to April 30

February 15th was the deadline for open enrollment for Health Insurance Marketplace plans. However, if you missed this deadline, you may still be able to sign up for coverage if you qualify for a special enrollment period. In addition to a life event, such as having a baby or losing other coverage, [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov) announced a new special enrollment period from March 15th to April 30th for individuals who were without coverage in 2014.

Individuals who meet the following requirements are able to enroll in health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace during this time:

- Did not have health coverage in 2014 and are responsible for a fee on their 2014 tax return
- Live in a state that uses the Federally-facilitated Marketplace. North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas all use the Federally-facilitated Marketplace. (To see what other states use the Federally-facilitated Marketplace, you can visit <http://obamacarefacts.com/state-health-insurance-exchange/>)
- Were confused or didn't know about open enrollment dates for 2015 coverage, and need another opportunity to enroll in coverage for the remainder of 2015.

Individuals who are eligible for this special enrollment period may enroll in health coverage between March 15th and April 30th. If a consumer enrolls in coverage before the 15th of the month, coverage will be effective on the first day of the following month.

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