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To: ICs and HRGs

FROM: Department of Employee Insurance (DEI)

RE: Special Enrollment for Loss of Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Coverage

DATE: August 1, 2023

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, most Medicaid coverage terminations were paused to minimize coverage loss during the pandemic. This continuous enrollment condition expired on March 31, 2023, under the terms of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. State Medicaid offices are currently in the process of resuming regular eligibility and enrollment operations, which includes terminating coverage for individuals who are no longer eligible.

Given the circumstances surrounding the resumption of Medicaid renewals for the first time in three years, many individuals may need more than the typical 60-day window after loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage to apply for and enroll in other coverage. To help address this, we are extending the 60-day period for individuals losing Medicaid or CHIP coverage to 120-days. The begin date of the extension is July 1, 2023, and the end date of the extension is December 31, 2023.

A QE for loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage with a QE date from 7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023 will be approved if the QE is submitted within 120 days of the QE date. A qualifying event (QE) for loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage with a QE date on or after 1/1/24 must be within 60 days of the event.

Examples:

- Member loses Medicaid or CHIP coverage on 10/15/2023, the member has 120-days to submit the QE to pick up coverage with KEHP.
- Member loses Medicaid or CHIP coverage on 1/15/2024, the member has 60-days to submit the QE to pick up coverage with KEHP.