

PROVIDER MEMO

Date: May 23, 2023

Subject: **Special Enrollment for Patients Who Need Health Coverage – Applications Accepted Through May 31, 2023!**

Dear Provider:

As you may know, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023. Consequently, Covered California has a Special Enrollment Period to allow eligible residents to use the Public Health Emergency as a Qualifying Life Event until May 31, 2023. If you have patients who need health coverage, please encourage them to reach out to see if they qualify. The State of California requires health insurance, so please help ensure that your patients' health care is covered.

Patients who are eligible to use this Qualifying Life Event will have 60 days from the date of their approved Covered California applications to complete their health plan selections. For those who do not currently have Qualifying Life Events, they must wait until Open Enrollment to apply. For a full list of all Qualifying Life Events visit: [Qualifying Life Events | Covered California™](#).

If you have patients who qualify for a Special Enrollment due to the ending of the Public Health Emergency, our team is happy to help them review their options and update their coverage. If your patients are not sure if they qualify for a Special Enrollment or if they have questions, our team can help. For assistance, your patients can call the VHP Broker Relations team at 408-885-3560 or email us at BrokerRelations@vhp.sccgov.org.

Ask them to apply now through May 31, 2023, before this Special Enrollment Period expires.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.