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Special Enrollment Periods for Marketplace Health Insurance Plans

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Alan McClain today released the following statement reminding Arkansans who may have recently lost job-based health insurance that they are eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a Health Marketplace qualifying health plan (QHP):

“The loss of job-based insurance is considered a ‘qualifying life event’ under the Affordable Care Act and triggers a special enrollment period for a Marketplace plan. The Arkansas Insurance Department has a toll-free number available for Arkansans eligible for special enrollment where licensed Navigators can provide assistance.”

The Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) toll-free number is **844-355-3262**.

Act 107 of 2019 disbanded AHIM as a private entity and placed it under the Arkansas Insurance Department. Arkansans can learn more about QHPs offered on the Marketplace by visiting <http://myarinsurance.com>.

Qualifying Life Events that can qualify you for a Special Enrollment Period

- **Loss of qualifying health insurance in last 60 days OR expects to lose in next 60 days, including:**
 - Losing job-based coverage;
 - Losing individual health coverage for a plan or policy you bought yourself;
 - Losing eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP;
 - Losing eligibility for Medicare; or
 - Losing coverage through a family member.

- **Changes in household if you or anyone in your household in the past 60 days:**
 - Got married;
 - Had a baby, adopted a child, or placed a child for foster care; or
 - Got divorced or legally separated and lost health insurance.

- **Changes in residence if you had qualifying coverage in 60 days before:**

- Moving to a new home in a new ZIP code or county;
- Moving to the U.S. from a foreign country or United States territory;
- If you're a student, moving to or from the place you attend school;
- If you're a seasonal worker, moving to or from the place you both live and work; or
- Moving to or from a shelter or other transitional housing.

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About the Arkansas Department of Commerce:

The Arkansas Department of Commerce is the umbrella department for workforce and economic development drivers. Its divisions and regulatory boards include Division of Aeronautics, Waterways Commission, Wine Producers Council, Division of Workforce Services, Office of Skills Development, State Bank Department, Insurance Department, Securities Department, Economic Development Commission and Development Finance Authority. It was established July 2019 as part of Governor Asa Hutchinson's wide-sweeping efficiency and transformation efforts to reduce 42 cabinet agencies to 15 while maintaining services for all Arkansans.



About the Arkansas Insurance Department:

The Arkansas Insurance Department, a division of the Arkansas Department of Commerce, was created on March 7, 1917, by an Act of the Arkansas General Assembly. Its primary mission is consumer protection through insurer solvency and market conduct regulation, and fraud prosecution and deterrence. For more information on the Arkansas Insurance Department, please visit <http://insurance.arkansas.gov>.