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Open Enrollment Ends Today! But Some States Offer More Time

Today is the last day for most Americans to sign up for an affordable health care plan on the Marketplace ([act now to enroll](#)). However, nine states and D.C. have also extended their open enrollment deadlines to allow more residents to apply for coverage. This means applicants in those states still have time to enroll and get coverage that begins on January 1st. The following states have extended their enrollment period—so act as soon as possible.

Name of Marketplace	Deadline for Coverage beginning Jan. 1 st	Deadline for 2018 Coverage
California Covered California	Dec. 15, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018
Colorado Connect for Health Colorado	Dec. 15, 2017	Jan. 12, 2018
Connecticut Access Health CT	Dec. 22, 2017	Dec. 22, 2017
District of Columbia DC Health Link	Dec. 15, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018
Maryland Maryland Health Connection	Dec. 22, 2017	Dec. 22, 2017
Massachusetts Massachusetts Health Connector	Dec. 23, 2017	Jan. 23, 2018
Minnesota MNSure	Dec. 20, 2017	Jan. 14, 2018
New York New York State of Health	Dec. 15, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018
Rhode Island HealthSource RI	Dec. 23, 2017	Dec. 31, 2017
Washington WA Health Benefits Exchange	Dec. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018

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Limited Special Enrollment Periods Available Through Healthcare.gov

There are also a few limited categories of potential enrollees who have additional time to enroll through the [federal healthcare.gov](#). The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services has specifically [announced](#) a special enrollment period for anyone affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Residents who live in or moved from an area affected by the hurricanes can request a special enrollment period based on “[Exceptional Circumstance](#)” that would extend open enrollment through December 31st. The Marketplace also allows special enrollment periods for [more complicated situations](#), such as domestic violence, and for certain computer system errors. Requests for special enrollment periods can be made by calling the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596.

Special enrollment periods are also available to people who have a major life event. Getting married, having a baby, or losing health coverage (including if your 2017 Marketplace plan is discontinued) are just some of the events that can trigger [a special enrollment period](#). In some instances, an applicant may need to provide documentation to prove their specific circumstances. For requirements and lengths of special enrollment periods, please click [here](#).

For more information and case specific advice, contact a local navigator (click [here](#) to find help in your area).

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