

Special Enrollment

What is Special Enrollment?

You can typically only enroll in a health insurance plan through Covered California during a set time called “open Enrollment.” Once open enrollment ends, you can enroll or make changes to your health plan only if you experienced a qualifying life event. In most cases you have 60 days from the date of the qualifying life event to enroll in a health insurance plan or change your existing plan through Covered California. If you know ahead of time when you are going to lose your health insurance, you will also have 60 days to enroll *before* that date to prevent any gaps in coverage.

Examples of qualifying life events:



Lost your health coverage



Got married



Moved outside your plan's coverage area



Had a baby



Turned 26