

## Open Enrollment Ending: Special Enrollment Period Beginning

The Individual Open Enrollment period ends January 31, 2016. After the close of Open Enrollment, individuals will only be able to enroll in new coverage if they qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. This year CMS has removed some of the Special Enrollment Periods that are now unnecessary, and is focusing on stronger enforcement for the existing Special Enrollment Periods.

It is imperative that any remaining individual applications for Open Enrollment be submitted prior to the close of business on 1/29/2016.

Here is a link to the [CMS announcement](#) that provides details on the elimination of several unnecessary special enrollment periods, clarification on the definitions of other special enrollment periods, and provides stronger enforcement so that special enrollment periods serve the purpose for which they are intended, and do not provide unintended loopholes.

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