



HELP YOUR TAX CLIENTS ACCESS AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE

MARYLAND EASY ENROLLMENT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

THIS TAX SEASON, MARYLANDERS WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH AN INNOVATIVE NEW PILOT PROGRAM.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CLIENTS BY EXPLAINING THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY.

Many Marylanders don't realize they are eligible for free or low-cost health insurance through the state's online health insurance marketplace, Maryland Health Connection. Beginning in 2020, uninsured Marylanders can indicate on their tax returns whether they would like the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, the state agency that runs Maryland Health Connection, to determine their eligibility for free or low-cost coverage. This launches an easy process that will help them enroll.

HOW IT WORKS

- 1** On their 2019 Tax Forms 502 and 502B, filers will indicate whether they, their spouse, and/or their dependents have health insurance coverage.
- 2** Marylanders who are uninsured can then elect to authorize the Comptroller to share information from their tax return with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) to determine if they may be eligible for free or low-cost health care coverage.
- 3** MHBE will mail a letter to the tax filer to let them know if, based on the information in their tax return, they appear eligible for coverage through Maryland Health Connection (Maryland's health insurance marketplace) and if they can get the coverage for no or low cost. They will be instructed on the next steps to apply for coverage.
- 4** To complete enrollment, they can visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov, call 855.642.8572, or receive free in-person assistance from trained experts throughout the state.

HELP CLIENTS LEARN ABOUT THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS

Explain to your clients the new program and the availability of affordable health insurance.

Let them know that the new questions on the tax form can help them enroll easily in free or low-cost health insurance.

Remind them to follow up once they hear about their eligibility for insurance from the state.

Tax preparers with questions about the new program can call the Maryland Comptroller's Office at **1-800-MD-TAXES**.

After January 1, 2020, clients can contact the Maryland Health Connection Call Center at 855.642.8572 if they have questions about their eligibility or need assistance.

