



COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT

Health Care Options During the Coronavirus Crisis

Help is available: PA Health Access Network at (877) 570-3642 or
PA Association of Community Health Centers (PACHC) at (866) 944-2273

Options for Those Who Lose Health Insurance Due to Job Loss

- If you previously had employer coverage and are losing it, you may be eligible for:
 - Marketplace (Obamacare)
 - COBRA
 - Medicaid, depending on your income
- Loss of coverage guarantees you a special enrollment period in the Market Place.
- If you take COBRA, you will not be eligible for financial assistance in the Marketplace. Marketplace coverage with assistance (subsidy) is likely cheaper.
- You still have to think about your yearly income for Marketplace.

Options for Those Who Didn't Have Health Care Coverage Through an Employer

- At the moment, there is no special enrollment period for the Marketplace for those not losing coverage. The federal government may change this.
- Exploring Medicaid (called Medical Assistance in Pennsylvania), including Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities, is the best option.
- For individuals lacking an eligible immigration status, COVID-19 qualifies the person for Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA), as long as they are income eligible.
- Uninsured individuals with COVID symptoms should first contact the Department of Health at 877-PA-HEALTH 1-877-724-3258

How do I apply for health care through the Marketplace?

- Online at <https://www.healthcare.gov/>
- By phone at (800) 318-2596

How do I apply for Medical Assistance (Medicaid)

- Online at compass.state.pa.us (you can select a Spanish application)
- Download and mail a paper application (these are available in several different languages)
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Apply-for-Benefits.aspx>

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