



HOT TOPICS

Tips & Reminders on the Last Day of Open Enrollment

Open enrollment ends at midnight, and we thank our Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) producers for their hard work in serving their clients and our members during this crucial period. As we head into the final hours of open enrollment and prepare for the special enrollment period (SEP) here are some important tips and reminders.

Online Enrollment Available to 11:59 p.m. Today

Online enrollment applications must be submitted, not started, by today, Dec. 15, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. CT. While we encourage online enrollment via the [Retail Shopping Cart](#), you can also submit paper applications ([English](#) and [Spanish](#) available) via the [Retail Producer Portal's](#) "Document Submission" function from the E-Communication tab. If needed, you can fax the paper application to 888-223-1988. Online and paper applications must be submitted before midnight.

Online Enrollment Unavailable Beginning Dec. 16 Due to a Scheduled Upgrade

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 16 at 12:00 a.m., the [Retail Shopping Cart](#) will not accept online applications. Planned enhancements are expected to be completed next week. Quoting functionality will remain available throughout. Next week we'll share more about the upgrade as well as plan year 2018 SEP training.

SEP Available to Many Retail Members Due to 2017 Discontinuations

Most of our 2017 qualified health plan (QHP) portfolio was discontinued. This means most of your BCBSIL ACA clients qualify for special enrollment through March 1, 2018. [For Jan. 1 coverage, affected members have until Dec. 31, 2017 to apply.](#) Here's a summary:

Qualifying Event	Loss of Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) due to reasons other than non-payment of premium or rescission
Qualifying Event Date	The last day of coverage, which is Dec. 31, 2017
SEP for Discontinued Plans	60 days BEFORE or AFTER the qualifying event
Last Day to Enroll for Jan. 1, 2018 Effective Date	Dec. 31, 2017 (two more weeks)
Last Day to Enroll for 2018 Coverage	March 1, 2018