



Date: March 31, 2015

Subject: Ending Special Enrollment Periods for Coverage during Calendar Year 2014

Purpose and Scope:

As of April 1, 2015, CMS will no longer accept new requests that would enable consumers to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) with 2014 coverage effective dates through the Federally-facilitated or State Partnership Marketplaces through a Special Enrollment Period (SEP). As of April 1, 2015 all SEP requests to CMS seeking 2014 coverage, with the exception of SEPs issued as a result of an eligibility appeal described below, if eligible for retroactive coverage, will be given a coverage effective date of January 1, 2015.

This guidance applies to all SEPs specified in 45 CFR §155.420 and supersedes all existing guidance on SEPs. This guidance does not apply to eligibility appeal requests and does not impact a consumer's right to request an appeal of their eligibility determination in accordance with 45 CFR §155.505(b).