

Subject: IMPORTANT UPDATE: Renewals for BC+ Core Plan Members that transferred in January 2009 from GAMP (TCLA Members)

Importance: High

Please note the follow update regarding the renewal timeline for BC+ Core Plan Members that transferred in January 2009 from GAMP (TCLA Members):

DHS has decided to allow BC+ Core Plan TCLA members an additional three months to use their renewal security code. Coverage is not being extended past the end of the month the renewal was due, however, individuals who did not submit a renewal application will be able to submit one and bypass the waitlist during this three month extended period.

For example, the March renewal group's renewals were due by 4/30. If the renewal was not submitted, this group of individuals will still be able to use the security code before 7/31/2010 to submit an application and bypass the waitlist. Individuals will still be expected to submit the nonrefundable application fee and submit verifications within 30 days.

Individuals who do not complete their renewal by the due date will experience a gap in coverage. Eligibility will be prospective for those completing an application during this three month extension period. Coverage will begin on the 1st or the 15th of the month after the application is completed, the fee is paid (or waived), and all verification is received. There will be no back dating or coverage of services rendered during their gap in coverage. For example, if someone in the March renewal group completes the process June 20, they are eligible July 1st.

Please note individuals in these groups applying after the three month extension has expired, will be subject to the Waitlist.

Here is the new timeline:

TCLA renewal due 3/31/10 (Jan., Feb., Mar., & April birthdates) Grace period until 4/3/10 for continuous coverage
Deadline for applying and bypassing the waitlist is 7/31/10.

TCLA renewal due 4/30/10 (May, June, July, & August birthdates) Grace period until 5/31/10 for continuous coverage
Deadline for applying and bypassing the waitlist is 8/31/10

TCLA renewal due 5/31/10 (Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. birthdates) Grace period until 6/30/10 for continuous coverage
Deadline for renewing and bypassing the waitlist is 9/30/10

BC+ Core Plan TCLA members that have not submitted an application and have lost coverage will be receiving a letter explaining the additional three month opportunity that they now have available to them. However, please feel free to make BC+ Core Plan TCLA members that you encounter aware of this opportunity.

Thank you for your continued assistance. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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