



Dear Partner,

Good news! Federal law has changed and more tax credits are now available to New Yorkers who buy a health plan through NY State of Health. Learn more [here](#).

Here is what you Need to Know:

- [The American Rescue Plan](#), which was signed into law on March 11, 2021, will lower health care costs by providing new and expanded financial assistance to New Yorkers enrolling in health insurance through NY State of Health. Our new [fact sheet](#) and [website](#) provide more details.
- This new, enhanced assistance is available to current enrollees and new enrollees, including to higher-income individuals for the first time if they qualify.
- The larger tax credits are available now for New Yorkers with lower or moderate incomes.
- Individuals already enrolled through NY State of Health at these income levels will be notified to visit [NY State of Health](#), call the NY State of Health Customer Service Center, or contact a [certified NY State of Health assistor](#) to update their information.
- Consumers who complete their updated enrollment in April will receive a premium invoice from their health plan that reflects the lowered premium amount beginning in May.
- Starting in June, NY State of Health will apply these higher tax credits to current enrollees without requiring any action by the enrollee. Enrollees will have the opportunity to make changes by logging into their NY State of Health Account, contacting an Enrollment Assistor, or calling NY State of Health at 1-855-355-5777.
- Also, in June, higher-income New Yorkers can access the new tax credits.
- For New Yorkers who are eligible for unemployment insurance for at least one week in 2021, the American Rescue Plan will allow them to sign up for a nearly free health plan through NY State of Health for coverage that lasts for all of 2021. To be eligible for this plan, consumers cannot be eligible for other health insurance such as Medicaid, Medicare, or employer-sponsored coverage. Instructions on how to apply will be added to this [page](#) on our website when available.

To allow as many consumers as possible to access these enhanced tax credits, and in light of the ongoing public health emergency, NY State of Health has extended its Open Enrollment Period for Qualified Health Plans to December 31, 2021. Ensuring access to affordable health coverage and care is more important than ever, so that individuals do not avoid seeking testing or medical care for fear of cost during the ongoing public health emergency. This deadline extension allows consumers additional time to enroll for 2021 coverage.

Individuals who are eligible for other NY State of Health programs—Medicaid, Essential Plan and Child Health Plus—can enroll year-round. The best way for consumers to receive assistance at this time is to phone a navigator or other NY State of Health assistor for help. As

always, they can call the Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777. By visiting our website, www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov individuals can find an enrollment assister and receive enrollment assistance over the phone. Assisters can also help with updating accounts if needed. We also have a dedicated page on our website for Coronavirus and COVID-19 information.

The following links will direct consumers to contact information for enrollment assisters and other resources on COVID-19:

[Find a Navigator Here](#)

[Find Other NY State of Health Enrollment Assisters](#)

[Find Coronavirus and COVID-19 Information Here](#)

Please share this information with your colleagues and those you serve as soon as possible via whatever communication channels you use—online newsletters, social media, e-blasts, etc. You may also feel free to link to information on NY State of Health’s website:

www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov.

In addition, an [online toolkit](#) has been developed to provide you with additional valuable resources to help your community. This new toolkit includes:

- 1) [Social media posts](#): Easily incorporate into your existing social media platforms. Images are included.
- 2) A new [Fact Sheet](#): A fact sheet that answers frequently asked questions about the American Rescue Plan and what it means for New Yorkers. This fact sheet will be available in multiple languages that can be found [here](#).
- 3) An Instructional [Video](#): A video that explains how to update your Advance Premium Tax Credit.
- 4) A [Link](#) to new NY State of Health web page highlighting details of The American Rescue Plan

Thank you.