Broker Statewide Webinar

July 8, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

The webinar is not being recorded, but this PowerPoint will be available on Assister Central.

During the webinar, please use the “chat” feature in the lower right-hand corner to submit questions!
Recertification for Open Enrollment (OE) 2022
OE 2022 Recertification Requirements

- ALL brokers and support staff must complete recertification prior to the start of open enrollment (OE).

- Recertification training requirements for brokers for OE 2022 (approximately 1 hour):
  - MNsure Data Security and Privacy
  - MNsure Accessibility, Compliance and Ethics
  - Achieve a score of at least 80% on the knowledge assessment

- NEW: Recertification (and certification) training requirements for support staff for OE 2022:
  - MNsure Assister Data Security, Accessibility, Compliance and Ethics
  - MNsure Assister Core Curriculum
  - MNsure Assister Role-Based Training
OE 2022 Recertification Process

- Recertification training will be available starting in early August and must be completed by October 14, 2021.

- Once the courses are available, MNsure will email all brokers and support staff instructions for completing recertification, including a reminder of their Unique Key for logging into the Learning Center.

- Your agency administrator will be able to confirm your recertification completion through the Broker Agency Management System (BAMP).

- The course content has not changed for 2022, so CE credit will only be available for newly certifying brokers (not for recertifying brokers).
Update Roster Information in BAMP

- Reminder: Ensure a smooth recertification process this year by checking to make sure information in BAMP (Broker Agency Management Program) is accurate and up-to-date
  - Agency roster: Change the status of brokers or support staff who are no longer active to “inactive” so they do not receive recertification communications
  - Individual staff: Contact information, especially email address, must be correct
  - Directory information: Confirm that information visible to the public through the assister directory is current
- Information on how to update agency information can be found in the Registration Section of Broker One Stop
COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period

- Reminder that the COVID-19 special enrollment period ends on Friday, July 16!

- Beginning July 17, consumers will need to experience a qualifying life event to enroll in a qualified health plan.
Same Day Plan Termination

- As before, enrollees can end coverage online through their enrollment dashboard. Coverage will end on the last day of the month.

- If a consumer needs to end coverage sooner than the end of the month, they can call MNsure to request an earlier end date. In most cases, MNsure can now end their coverage on the same day.

- Once processed as a same day termination, the coverage cannot be reinstated. Please confirm with the consumer that they want a same day termination.
Phase Three: Unemployment Insurance

- Minnesotans who receive unemployment insurance income for at least one week in 2021 may be eligible for additional benefits:
  - A plan through MNsure with a $0 per month premium cost
  - Silver metal level plan with 94% cost-sharing reduction (CSR)
- Who qualifies?
  - Households must be eligible for a tax credit through MNsure
  - Households where the tax filer, including one or both spouse of those married and filing jointly, received unemployment insurance benefit for at least one week in 2021
  - Are enrolled in a qualified health plan through MNsure
Phase Three: Unemployment Insurance

- Qualifying consumers who were already enrolled through MNsure and had reported unemployment insurance income have had their eligibility updated for July coverage.

- Qualifying consumers who had applied (on or before July 5) and reported unemployment insurance but were not enrolled have had their eligibility updated. They will receive a notice with information on their new eligibility for tax credits and a special enrollment period (SEP).

- Consumers can call MNsure to report unemployment insurance income to see if they qualify. Brokers should report unemployment insurance using the online tool.

- Consumers who qualify for the additional benefits are eligible for a 60-day SEP to enroll or change plans. The SEP begins the day after the eligibility is redetermined (it is not tied to the dates someone received unemployment insurance).
Phase Three: Unemployment Insurance

- Consumers who already applied but have not reported unemployment insurance (UI) income:
  - Assisters should report a life event change using the online tool. Update the projected annual income, if applicable.
  - If UI has previously ended, report is as current income and include a note in the comments section that clarifies the start and end date of the UI.

- Consumers who are submitting a new application:
  - If they are currently receiving UI, report that on the application.
    - **Beginning July 12:** After submitting the application, but before enrolling, call the Broker Service Line to request the appropriate SEP be opened for the consumer. The consumer’s APTC and access to the 94% CSR will be updated.
  - Before enrolling, if the consumer received UI earlier in the year, report that using the online tool. Enter the UI as current income and include a note in the comments section that clarifies the start and end date of the UI.
    - You will receive an email when the UI income has been processed and the SEP has been opened.
Phase Three: Unemployment Insurance

Resources on Assister Central:

Unemployment Income Benefits and the American Rescue Plan

Minnesotans who received unemployment income for at least one week in 2021 may be able to enroll through MNSure for extremely low-cost health insurance.

If a consumer qualifies for this benefit, they may be able to find a plan through MNSure with a $0 per month premium cost.

If they qualify for this benefit and enroll in a silver level plan through MNSure, they are eligible for a 94% cost-sharing reduction (CSR), which means greatly reduced out-of-pocket costs for in-network services.

Who Qualifies?

- Households must be eligible for a tax credit through MNSure.
- Households where the tax filer, including one or both spouses of those married and filing jointly, received unemployment insurance benefits for at least one week in 2021.

How to Assist a Consumer:

Consumer is already enrolled in a silver level plan through MNSure and reported receiving 2021 unemployment insurance to MNSure prior to June 25:

- The consumer will automatically receive the increase in advance premium tax credits (APTC) that will show up on their August invoice.
- The household has been automatically enrolled in a silver level plan with CSR benefits.
- The consumer is also eligible for a 60-day special enrollment period (SEP) to change plans before making changes, contact the insurance company to understand options that may allow the consumer to apply already paid out-of-pocket costs to the new plan.
- The consumer will receive a notice in the mail. Assistants can also check the consumer's enrollment dashboard to confirm tax credit and CSR benefits have been applied.

Consumer is already enrolled in a bronze or gold metal level plan through MNSure and reported receiving 2021 unemployment insurance to MNSure prior to June 25:

- The consumer will automatically receive the increase in APTC that will show up on their August invoice.
- The consumer is eligible for a 60-day special enrollment period (SEP) to change plans. The consumer will need to enroll in a silver level plan in order to take advantage of the

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Case Number: 00000000

You may be eligible for increased tax credits and cost-sharing reductions.

If a taxpayer in your household received unemployment income in 2021, you may be eligible for an increase in your advanced payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) and cost-sharing reduction (CSR) benefits that can help lower the cost of health insurance through MNSure (Public Law 117-2, Sec. 9681).

Why am I getting this notice?

Our records show that you reported a taxpayer in your household received unemployment income during 2021. We redetermined your eligibility for APTC and CSR based on the new American Rescue Plan rules and you are eligible for these increased benefits.

What if no taxpayer in my household received unemployment income in 2021?

If you do not receive a notice, you may have to pay back benefits to the IRS if you were incorrectly determined to be eligible. If you think your case should be reviewed, please contact your local Community Health Access Network (CHAN) for assistance.

What should I do if a taxpayer in my household received unemployment income in 2021?

- The amount of APTC applied, sign in to your MNSure account and go to your enrollment dashboard (search “APTC” on MNSure.org for more help).
- If you are not enrolled in a silver plan but want to receive your CSR benefit you can switch to a silver plan during your special enrollment period.

Cost-sharing reduction benefits are available on silver plans and decrease the amount you have to pay for co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles.
Thank You for Attending!

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