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This broadcast is in follow up to the broadcast dated March 1, 2021, regarding the Special Enrollment Period (SEP) initiated by the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace. The SEP, which began on February 15, 2021, has been extended until August 15, 2021. This action will allow individuals and families more time to access the SEP and enroll in Marketplace coverage with the increased tax credits to reduce their premiums, and for current enrollees to change plans in response to the availability of increased tax credits if they wish to do so.

The following information is available to share with individuals who may contact local departments of social services (LDSS) with questions about the SEP:

- Individuals who want to access the SEP to enroll in coverage and see if they qualify for financial help to reduce the cost of monthly premiums, can visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](https://www.cuidadodesalud.gov) to view 2021 plans and prices and enroll in a plan that best meets their needs. Additionally, individuals can call the [Marketplace Call Center](https://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace-call-center) at 1-800-318-2596, which provides assistance in over 150 languages. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325. Individuals can also find a local assister or agent/broker in their area by visiting: <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov>.
- To view the 2021 Fact Sheet for more information, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2021-special-enrollment-period-response-covid-19-emergency>.
- For more information about the Health Insurance Marketplace[®], visit: <https://www.healthcare.gov/quick-guide/getting-marketplace-health-insurance/>.