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***Special Populations – Consumers Who Qualify for the Medicaid Coverage Gap SEP***

Consumers may qualify for the Medicaid coverage gap SEP if they: 1) reside in a non-Medicaid expansion state, 2) were previously ineligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) solely because of a household income below 100% of the federal poverty level, or 3) have experienced a change in household income that makes them newly eligible for APTC.

In April 2015, CMS added this SEP and [removed the requirement](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwNTEwLjU4ODEwNzYxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDUxMC41ODgxMDc2MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3Njk1NjUwJmVtYWlsaWQ9ZXJuZXN0QGhpYWlkYWhvLmNvbSZ1c2VyaWQ9ZXJuZXN0QGhpYWlkYWhvLmNvbSZ0YXJnZXRpZD0mZmw9JmV4dHJhPU11bHRpdmFyaWF0ZUlkPSYmJg==&&&110&&&http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=64685441a7bf804a7a070fa8e963e941&mc=true&node=pt45.1.155&rgn=div5#se45.1.155_1420) for consumers to receive the following documents before applying for Marketplace coverage through this SEP:

* Medicaid denial notice from their state Medicaid agency,
* Exemption Certificate Number or,
* Previous denial for Marketplace affordability program (e.g., for APTC or cost sharing reductions [CSR])

To apply for this SEP, the consumer should call the Marketplace Call Center to attest that he or she was previously ineligible for Medicaid because he or she lives in a non-Medicaid expansion state and was previously ineligible for APTC because his or her income was too low, but has now experienced an increase in household income that makes him or her newly eligible for APTC. **The consumer has 60 days from the date when he or she experienced the change in household income that made him or her newly eligible for APTC to call the Marketplace to report this change and enroll in coverage. This SEP is not available online, so consumers who want to request this SEP must call the Marketplace.**