



Good news! You now have an opportunity to receive Basic Health coverage while we review your eligibility for continuing coverage.

On September 28, the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, in Seattle, issued a ruling requiring us to re-enroll in Basic Health those members who were disenrolled as of March 1, 2011 based on their immigration status. This ruling resulted from *Unthaksinkun et al. v. Porter*, Case No. C11-0588JLR, a lawsuit brought by Basic Health members who challenged the disenrollment of immigrants. The judge ruled that people who are “lawfully present” in the United States should not be excluded from Basic Health if they are otherwise eligible. The judge also ruled that all immigrants who were disenrolled on March 1 are entitled to a better notice explaining why they are being disenrolled and what they can do to try to keep their coverage. As a member of this group, you may now re-enroll in Basic Health. After you re-enroll, we will tell you whether we have enough information to decide that you are “lawfully present” or whether we need more information from you.

How to re-enroll

Please refer to the enclosed billing statement for instructions. We must receive your payment by November 21, 2011 to enroll you on December 1, 2011. If you wish to re-enroll effective January 1, 2012, we must receive your payment by December 22, 2011. After that date, you may not re-enroll unless you have a good reason for needing more time, so please contact us without delay. *If you wish to enroll for the month of November 2011, please call us as soon as possible at 1-800-660-9840 so that we can re-enroll you effective November 1.*

If an organization paid your premiums in the past, we have contacted that organization to ask if they will sponsor your coverage again. As soon as we receive confirmation, we will send you either a notice of re-enrollment or an invoice to allow you to pay your own premiums.

After you re-enroll, you will be asked to provide proof of your eligibility, which may include documentation regarding your current immigration status. Please be aware that your continuing eligibility also depends on your income, age, and other requirements of the Basic Health program.

How to obtain coverage for September, October, and/or November 2011

If you have received medical services on or after September 28, 2011, you may be eligible to re-enroll effective September 1, October 1, or November 1, 2011. You will have to pay premiums for those months for you and all members of your family requested to be enrolled for those months. Please call us at 1-800-660-9840 for information.

More information about the lawsuit

More details about the lawsuit and the process for re-enrollment can be found on our website: <http://www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov>. This will be updated as questions arise.

The lawyers representing the disenrolled Basic Health members in this case are Northwest Health Law Advocates and Riddell Williams, P.S. You may contact them with any questions at: 206-389-1665 or basicealthcase@nohla.org.

You may contact Basic Health with questions at 1-800-660-9840. An interpreter will be arranged free of charge if you do not speak or read English. If you have a disability or other condition that may affect your ability to understand this information, call us or send us information so that we can accommodate your situation.

Privacy Statement

Your privacy is extremely important to us. Any information you provide us will only be used to determine whether you are eligible for Basic Health. **This information will not be shared with any immigration agency.**

Sincerely,

Basic Health

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