



November 14, 2013

{Member First} {Member Last}  
{Street Address}  
{City}, {State} {Zip}

## MHIP Plus Plans Extended to March 31, 2014

Dear {Member First}:

**MHIP is extending your current plan until March 31, 2014!** We have heard from many of you of the difficulties you are experiencing trying to obtain a new health plan for January 1<sup>st</sup>. Enrollment through Maryland's health insurance marketplace, [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov) extends through March 31, 2014. You may continue to apply for coverage through the [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov). Your current plan will remain in effect through March 31, 2014 to allow more time for you to purchase new insurance.

Because of an Affordable Care Act (ACA) provision that takes effect in 2014, you may now shop for and enroll in a new health plan without being denied due to a pre-existing health condition. You have several options for purchasing health coverage for next year. You can buy coverage from an insurance agent, directly from a licensed health insurance company or by enrolling in an employer-based plan. You may also shop for and enroll in a plan through the state's new health insurance marketplace, Maryland Health Connection at [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov).

At [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov) you can compare benefits of qualified health plans, see premiums and deductibles, and determine your monthly costs for health coverage. You can also get information and apply for Medicaid and Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP). If you don't qualify for Medicaid, you can find out if you qualify for tax credits to lower your monthly premium costs.

You can call the consumer support center at 855-MHC(642)-8572 or 855-MHC(642)-8573 for TTY, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also get in-person assistance and help with the enrollment process at local organizations across the state. For more information on consumer support, check [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Eberle".

Michele Eberle  
Executive Director

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