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Health Coverage Special Enrollment Deadline is April 30th

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The federal government has allowed a [special enrollment period](#) for New Yorkers that paid a tax penalty last year for not having health insurance and still lack coverage this year, or have had a [qualifying life event such as marriage, becoming a citizen or loss of job](#). Those eligible have until **April 30th by 11:59PM** to enroll in one of the private health plans offered through the [New York State of Health website](#). Those who don't qualify will have to wait until November 1st when the open-enrollment period for coverage in 2016 begins. The federal tax penalty for individuals who fail to have health insurance coverage will face a \$325 fee per adult or two percent of their income, whichever is the higher. Those who qualify for Medicaid can enroll at any point. Visit the [New York State of Health website](#) or call (855) 355-5777 for additional information or assistance regarding enrollment.