

## Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009

### SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

Effective April 1, 2009

On February 4, 2009 President Obama signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. The purpose of the Act is to provide funding for children's health insurance under Medicaid and State children's health (CHIP).

This new law will permit an employee (or dependent of an employee) who is eligible, but not currently enrolled in a Saint Louis University group health plan, the opportunity to enroll for coverage if:

- The employee (or dependent) is covered under a Medicaid or State child health plan and coverage is terminated as the result of the loss of eligibility for such coverage;  
**or**
- The employee (or dependent) becomes eligible for **premium** assistance – to purchase coverage under a Saint Louis University group health plan – under a Medicaid or State child health plan; **and**
- The employee requests coverage no later than 60 days after: the date coverage under a Medicaid or State child health plan is terminated; or the employee (or dependent) is determined to be eligible for premium assistance.

If you (or your dependent) has lost Medicaid or State child health coverage or has become eligible for premium assistance please contact the Benefits Office within 60 days of losing such coverage or becoming eligible for premium assistance in order to enroll in one of the University's group health plans.

The Benefits Office has not yet been notified of premium assistance plans.

To request special enrollment or obtain additional information, please contact the Benefits Office, [benefits@slu.edu](mailto:benefits@slu.edu), 314-977-2595.

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