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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Secretary

Dear Family Planning Program Participant:

New health insurance options are coming to Maryland. We want to help you understand what they mean for you.

Starting on October 1, 2013, people who need health insurance will be able to search for and buy a health plan through the state's new health insurance marketplace—Maryland Health Connection. All plans will cover important services like doctor visits, hospital stays, and prescriptions starting on January 1, 2014. Many people will get help paying for their plan. Also, Medicaid will cover more Marylanders and people will be able to apply through Maryland Health Connection.

The Family Planning Program is not ending. But, starting next year, most people will need to have a health insurance plan or pay a fine. Because the Program is not a full health insurance plan, you should see if you can get full Medicaid or get help paying for a plan. Visit [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov) or call 1-855-642-8572 to find out what plan is right for you.

If you have any questions about your coverage, call the Family Planning Program hotline at 1-855-692-4993. If you have questions about Maryland Health Connection, call 1-855-642-8572.

Sincerely,

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