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NOTICE OF COMMONWEALTH CARE ENDING

This notice has important information about the health insurance benefits for you and/or the following family members who are enrolled in Commonwealth Care:

Name	SSN/DOB	Medicaid ID
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Many changes to health insurance programs in Massachusetts will take effect on January 1, 2014 as part of national health care reform. **As part of those changes, the Commonwealth Care health insurance program is ending for all members on December 31, 2013** (as required by law; see *Chapter 35 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2013*).

What does this mean for me?

December 31, 2013 will be the last day that you will have health insurance coverage under Commonwealth Care. Commonwealth Care will be replaced by new health insurance plans and new ways to help you pay for health insurance. **You must re-apply for health insurance to avoid losing health care coverage.**

Next Steps

You should get an open enrollment packet in the mail that gives more information about re-applying for health insurance, as well as the new plans and ways to get help paying for health insurance for 2014. Your open enrollment packet will include details on how to apply. Please contact the Health Connector if you do not receive this packet by the end of November.

- **For coverage that starts January 1, 2014, you must have enrolled in a new plan by December 23, 2013.**

How do I re-apply?

- The quickest and easiest way to re-apply is online at **MAhealthconnector.org**
- You can also call the Health Connector at 1-877 MA ENROLL (1-877-623-6765) or TTY: 1-877-623-7773
 - Call if you need help starting the application or have questions.
 - Call if you need an application in large print or another accommodation to apply.
 - Call if you need help in another language.
- For in-person help, you can work with a Navigator or get help from a Certified Application Counselor at many local hospitals and community health centers. To find one in your area, visit MAhealthconnector.org or call the Health Connector at 1-877 MA ENROLL (1-877-623-6765) or TTY: 1-877-623-7773.

If you do not re-apply and enroll in a new health insurance plan for 2014, your current health coverage will end, and you may have to pay a tax penalty.

What if I have questions?

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your options, call the Health Connector at 1-877 MA ENROLL (1-877-623-6765) or TTY 1-877-623-7773, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. From October 1 to March 31, call Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can also go to our website at MAhealthconnector.org.