

[(d)](E) Within 7 days after cancellation or nonrenewal of a health benefit plan, the carrier shall send to each enrolled employee written notice of its action and the conversion rights available to each enrolled employee under § 15-412 of this article.

15-1301.

(h) "Eligible individual" means an individual:

(1) (i) for whom, as of the date on which the individual seeks coverage under this subtitle, the aggregate of the periods of creditable coverage is 18 or more months; and

(ii) whose most recent prior creditable coverage was under an employer sponsored plan, governmental plan, church plan, or health benefit plan offered in connection with any of these plans;

(2) who is not eligible for coverage under:

(i) an employer sponsored plan;

(ii) Part A or Part B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act; OR

(iii) a State plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act; [or

(iv) a health benefit plan;]

(3) WHO DOES NOT HAVE COVERAGE UNDER A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN;

[(3)](4) who has not had the most recent prior creditable coverage described in paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection terminated for nonpayment of premiums or fraud by the individual; and

[(4)](5) who, if the individual has been offered the option of continuation coverage under a State or federal continuation provision:

(i) has elected that coverage; and

(ii) has exhausted that coverage.

15-1401.

(p) "Special enrollment period" means a period during which a group health plan shall permit [an employee] CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS who [is] ARE eligible for coverage, but not enrolled, to enroll for coverage under the terms of the group health benefit plan.

15-1406.

(a) A carrier may not establish rules for eligibility of an individual to enroll under a group health [benefits] BENEFIT plan based on any health status-related factor.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section does not: