# Get Covered Illinois Broker Webinar

Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:00 AM CT



The state's official health insurance marketplace.

# **Agenda**

- Broker Data Migration
- Broker Certification
- Branding Guidelines
- Marketplace Integrity and Affordability Final Rule
- Q&A Session

# Logistics

- Phone lines are muted upon entry.
- To submit comments or questions or directly chat with other participants, click the icon with three dots at the bottom right of your screen, then select the "Q&A" option.
  - Questions are encouraged!
- We will address questions as they come in, as well as during our formal Q&A session later in today's webinar.
- The slides, recording, and FAQs will soon be available on the Get Covered Illinois website!
- Please complete the post-webinar survey that will pop up on your screen after exiting the webinar.



# **Broker Data Migration**

- As part of migrating customer data from HealthCare.gov to autorenew customers for 2026
   Open Enrollment, Get Covered Illinois will be also migrating customers' current broker
   designations to keep customers connected to their current brokers.
- However, HealthCare.gov does not provide Get Covered Illinois with all the broker demographic information necessary for this transition.
- Therefore, Get Covered Illinois is requesting demographic directly from brokers as part of this transition. Your timely and accurate provision of this information will ensure that you maintain connection to your current HealthCare.gov-enrolled customers.
- This information will be included in your Get Covered Illinois public broker profile (which you will be able to edit after you first log in to your Get Covered Illinois broker portal).
- Inaccurate information may result in the inability to connect you with your clients for plan year 2026. If Get Covered Illinois cannot verify and match you with your clients, we will not be able to keep you as the broker of record for your current HealthCare.gov enrolled customers and you will have to be redesignated to each of them individually.

# **Broker Data Migration**

### Get Covered Illinois' Request

- Complete the Broker Transition Information <u>Form</u>.
- Submit your completed form by Friday, 8/15/25 (LAST CALL!).
- Questions? Contact the Get Covered Illinois Outreach Team (gci.outreach@illinois.gov)

Data Element	Description	
First Name	Provide your full, accurate first name as it would appear on your Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI) license, in a phone directory or in a Google search.	
Last Name	Provide your full, accurate last name as it would appear on your Illinois Department of Insurance license, in a phone directory or in a Google search.	
National Producer Number (NPN)	Provide your full, accurate NPN. <b>Do not</b> enter your IDOI License number.	
Primary Phone Number	Provide your <b>primary</b> contact phone number in "XXX-XXX-XXXX" format. <b>Do not</b> provide a generic phone number. A cell phone number is preferred.	
Email Address	Provide your <b>primary</b> email address in "johndoe@example.com" format. <b>Do not</b> provide a generic email address.	
Agency Name	Provide the full, accurate name of your agency. Do not use abbreviations.	
Business Address	Provide your agency's street address, suite number (as applicable), city, state, and five-digit ZIP Code.	
Federal Employee ID Number	Provide the FEIN of your agency. <b>Do not</b> enter a Social Security Number.	
Agency Role	Specify your role in your agency (i.e., Agency Manager or Broker).	



## Certification

At Get Covered Illinois, we're committed to our partnership with health insurance agents/brokers certified in Illinois. As part of this support, we have created tools and training to support your efforts in our shared mission of enrolling Illinoisians in coverage. The certification program provides the minimum body of knowledge required for Illinois-licensed Agents/Brokers to operate on the Get Covered Illinois Marketplace. The online classes are required to be completed annually.



# Plan Year 2026 Certification Deadline: October 17, 2025

(to ensure that broker is certified and able to help customers starting on 11/1/2025)

**Note**: Brokers who complete their certification training after October 17, 2025, will be certified for 2026 plan year but their broker account may not be ready to help customers until after 11/1/2025.

# Steps to Becoming a Get Covered Illinois-Certified Broker

Maintain a license
with the Illinois
Department of
Insurance with a
health line of
authority

Complete the online training and score at least 80% on the post-training assessment

Sign the Get
Covered Illinois user
agreement
(accessed upon
completing the
training)

Register/claim your account with Get Covered Illinois (beginning in October 2025)

\*Starting in November 2025, brokers will be able to register their accounts prior to taking the online training.

# The Get Covered Illinois Learning Management System

- The training has been launched and is partially available.
- You can find the link to create your account on GetCoveredIllinois.gov
- When you sign in, you will be directed to a form where you will provide your NPN.
- There are seven units (six currently live!)
- Two of the modules are pre-requisites and will not be repeated next year.
- This will take approximately six hours to complete.



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### Welcome to Get Covered Illinois

Official Illinois Marketplace Training and Certification System





# **Frequently Asked Questions**

- An FAQ guide is available at the bottom of the landing page.
- Technical support will be handled by the LMS team at Pivto Better Learning; this will be for login issues, access, slides not advancing, etc.
- Get Covered Illinois-specific questions will be directed the Get Covered Illinois team.



### FAQ

#### A How do I reset my password?

If you need to reset a password that you cannot remember, you can click "Forgot password?" on the login page and enter the email address that you used to register. If there is an account connected to that email address, you will receive instructions on how to reset your password there.

#### ∧ How do I get my certificate?

Upon successful completion of the course, you will be presented with the opportunity to view, download, and copy a link to your certificate. You may also view, download, and copt a link to any certificate at any time by clicking on your name and icon in the top right corner, clicking "My Account," and then "Certificates."

#### A How do I contact technical support?

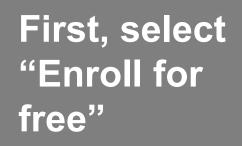
If you need technical support, please email admin@pivto.com.

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# Agent/Broker Marketplace Certification Training

Enroll for free







Next, provide your email, first name, and last name. Then select "sign up."



Agent/Broker Marketplace Certification
Training

Free \$0.00

Need help placing your order? Contact us

Sign up to enroll

Account info
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First name \*

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Last name \*

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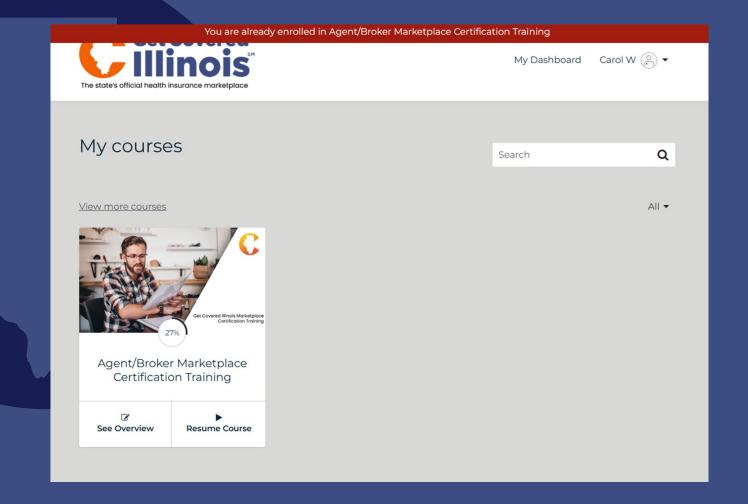
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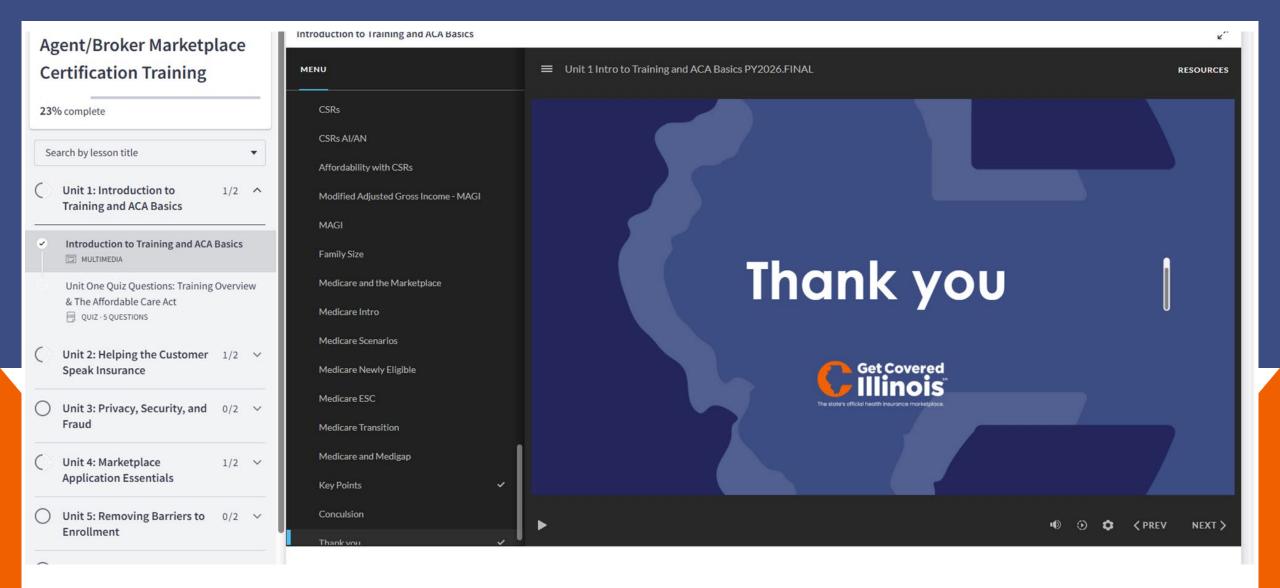
Unit 1: Introduction to Training and ACA Basics	
Unit 2: Helping the Customer Speak Insurance	~
Unit 3: Privacy, Security, and Fraud	
Unit 4: Marketplace Application Essentials	
Unit 5: Removing Barriers to Enrollment	
Unit 6: Customer Services Standards for Brokers and Assisters	~



- 13 lessons
- 0 hours of video content

# The Training Dashboard



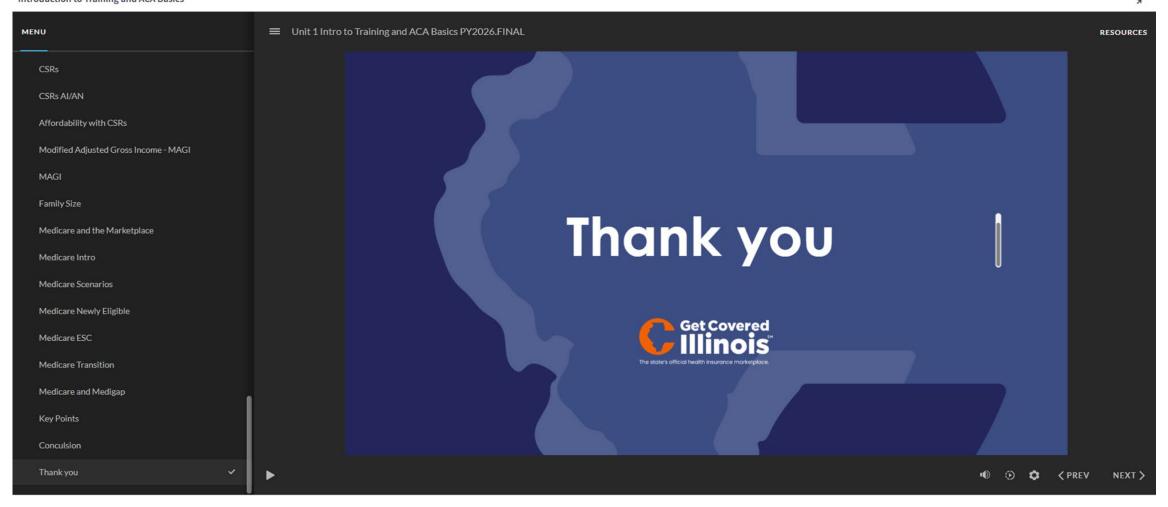


### **Course View**





Introduction to Training and ACA Basics



## **Course View**

### **Quizzes and Final Exam**

- There is a five-question quiz after each unit for Units 1 through 6.
- There is a 25-question after the completion of six learning units.
- Passing score is 80 percent.
- If 80 percent not achieved, a window appears that shows which questions were missed.
- The learner will be directed to retake the quiz.



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Agent/Broker Marketplace Certification Training Course



Certified Application Counselor (CAC) Marketplace Certification Training



Navigator Marketplace Certification Training ☐ Course

# The Training Certificate



This certificate confirms that

### First Name Last Name

Has successfully completed the following:

**Curriculum Name** 

Acquired on: DD/MM/YYYY

Expires on: DD/MM/YYYY

### **Timing**

All certificates are valid for **Plan Year 2026**, regardless of the date the training was completed.



# Our goal is to <u>increase enrollment</u> in health insurance plans among Illinoisans.

### **Contracted Partners**

- Marketing for Change: A full-service behavior change advertising and research agency with a decade of experience working on health insurance marketplaces.
- Rudd Resources: A Chicago-based public relations and community engagement firm.
- Maximus: Digital agency providing web services.

# **Brand Research and Development**

Measure views on health insurance, value of health insurance, awareness and views on Get Covered Illinois and HealthCare.gov to inform brand identity and marketing and communications strategy.

### **Key Findings**

- The uninsured want to be insured: The question for most uninsured is not "why get insured"; it is when to do it. If there is a why question, it is "why now?"
- Help is sought after and highly valued: One difference between the insured and uninsured is simple perseverance.
   Many successfully insured had invaluable help.
- Illinois-focused is good; state-run, not so much: Consumers appreciate a platform built for their state but are wary of over-promising by the government.

### Logo

Colors
Brand Promise
Brand Positioning
Brand Voice



The state's official health insurance marketplace

Logo

### Colors

**Brand Promise Brand Positioning Brand Voice** 

#### COLOR PALETTE

#### **Primary Colors**

Use primary orange and blue to maintain brand consistency—orange for energy and emphasis, blue for trust and stability

PANTONE 1595 C	PANTONE 4142 C
#F26101	#3c4d84
C: 0	C: 84
M: 73	M: 68
Y: 86	Y: 5
K: 0	K: 19

#### **Proportional Color Application**

This is a general representation of how the color might balance across a material that includes both primary and secondary colors.

#### **Secondary Colors**

The secondary color palette should be used sparingly for highlights, accents, data viz and infographics where color is needed to distinguish information. Percentage tones may be used at the designer's discretion to meet 508 compliance needs on the web when applicable.

DARK BLUE       TEAL         #1161c54       #63b4b5         C: 100       C: 56         M: 98       M: 7         Y: 32       Y: 27         K: 26       K: 0	YELLOW #ffce00 C: 0 M: 14 Y: 100 K: 0	MEDIUM BLUE #6176c9 C: 60 M: 47 Y: 0 K: 0
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Note: The secondary color palette may be refined during the initial phase of campaign development

Logo Colors

**Brand Promise** 

**Brand Positioning Brand Voice** 

BRAND IDENTITY

# Brand Promise

Get Covered Illinois is the easiest, most supportive and most welcoming place for people not covered through their employer to price, compare and enroll in health and dental insurance plans.



Get Covered Illinois allows you to compare multiple plans, typically from multiple insurers, in a single place, and find live, human customer support.



Get Covered Illinois can help you through the process in-person or by connecting you to certified insurance brokers and supportive community-based experts called "navigators."



Get Covered Illinois is also the only place offering middle income people reduced premiums through its status as the state's official Health Insurance Marketplace, providing financial help in the form of tax credits – even to some families with six figure incomes.

Our goal is to make securing a state-vetted private health insurance plan as easy and affordable as possible.

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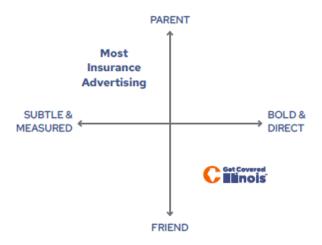
BRAND IDENTITY

# Brand Positioning & Personality

Get Covered Illinois is a safe, helpful and supportive place to tackle a complicated but important task – getting health insurance. We strive to be the customer's ally and champion, offering expert guidance and welcoming support. We get that things can get complicated and frustrating. We are here to help people navigate the nuances of the insurance market and secure the best premium possible.

As the state's official health insurance marketplace, Get Covered Illinois offers reduced premiums for middle income people – some earning six figures – that cannot be found anywhere else. We are not an insurer. But we are where private insurers compete for you, offering multiple plans in a single place.

As the new player to the arena, Get Covered Illinois is fresher, more direct and bolder than what's come before. We strive to be as straightforward and clear as possible, avoiding vague or flowery promises in favor of practical, tell-it-like-it-is guidance. We are official and authoritative, but not stodgy and authoritarian. Our most zealously protected asset is our customers' trust.



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**BRAND IDENTITY** 

# Brand Voice

#### Brand Tag Line / Short Descriptor

(When positioned with the logo)
The Official Health Insurance Marketplace

(When used in copy)
Get Covered Illinois, the state's official health
insurance marketplace

The tagline is intentionally straightforward. It clearly articulates the services offered in a way that the brand name and logo do not do on their own.

#### DO

Feature the tagline along with the brand logo (this is especially important during the re-launch phase of the Get Covered Illinois brand, when awareness of services offered is low).

#### DON'T

Write the tagline in title case, which carries a "parental" tone. Instead, use sentence case.

#### Tone of Voice

The Get Covered Illinois brand tone

IS	IS NOT
"Supportive friend"	"Directive boss"
Helpful	Obstructive
Frank	Flowery
Official	Authoritarian
Clear	Confusing

Tone Tip: Ask: "Am I using the voice of a trusted friend?" Like a friend, the Get Covered Illinois brand tone is supportive. We treat customers as equals and guide – rather than push – them to make choices that are right for them.

# **GetCoveredIllinois.gov\***

### Goals for the redesign

- Modernize the user experience to build trust and reflect the Get Covered Illinois brand
- Provide clear guidance to help customers find, understand and enroll in health coverage
- Drive self-service and support

### Discovery

Design

# **Archetype Summaries**

#### **PRIMARY**



#### High needs

- Goal: Understand health plan **quality** and **details**.
- Stage: Varied, but includes older, more experienced shoppers likely with previous private insurance. May have more complex healthcare needs.

#### Needs:

- Robust plan information
- Plan comparison
- SBM literacy
- Access to offline channels if needed

#### PRIMARY



#### Low tolerance

- Goal: **Quickly** see costs and **easily** enroll.
- Stage: Varied but includes younger with less health insurance experience. May include many gig and parttime workers.

#### Needs:

- Reduced overwhelm; less content and steps
- Easy path forward; minimal barriers
- Upfront cost estimate

#### **PRIMARY**



### Life changes

- Goal: Confirm "Do I qualify"?
- Stage: Varied, but all with a major life change (loss of job, pregnancy. etc.). Includes those rolling off Medicaid.

#### Needs:

- Easily identify and understand QLE
- Find information tailored to their QLE, particularly Medicaid roll-off
- Later needs may fall into other archetypes

#### SECONDARY



#### Return & Renew

- Goal: Renew or change plans. Update information or check coverage
- May be two different archetypes.

#### SECONDARY



#### Medicaid Eligible

Goal: Learn, apply, or enroll in Medicaid



#### TERTIARY

#### **Navigators & Brokers**

 Goal: Enable themselves to assist (Navigator) or sell (Broker) enrollment; e.g., learning, certification.

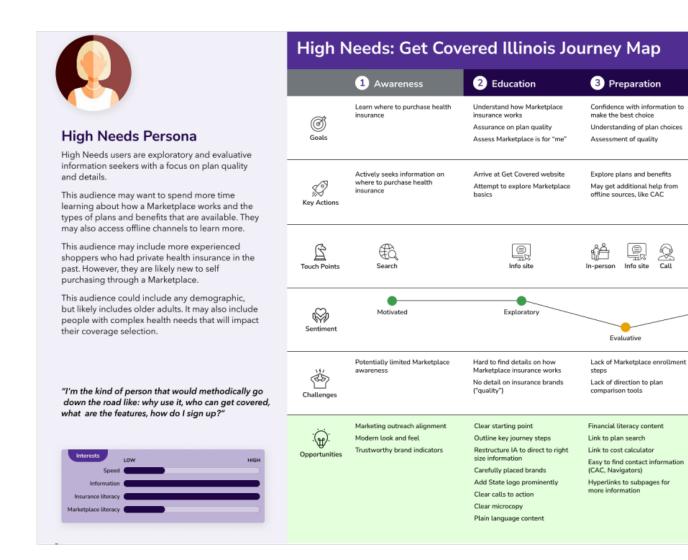
#### TERTIARY



#### Immigrants/DACA

- Goal: Learn about if they qualify, how to enroll
- May have a language barrier or prefer offline assistance. May fall into other archetypes.

# Discovery Design



5 Maintenance/Renewal

Solve routine questions

Password reset, information

Info site Enrollment Call

Assessing

TBD: Are there known Maintain/

Renew challenges we can help

Details on change to SBE

solve for on the educational site?

changes, lost ID card, etc.

Prepare for renewal

4 Enrollment

Choose a high-quality plan, within

Take time evaluating high number

Enrollment

Optimistic

TBD: Are there known Enrollment

the educational site?

enrollment site

enrollment site

Consistent look and feel with

Consistent language with

Easily move between sites

challenges we can help solve for on

of options

Make a plan selection

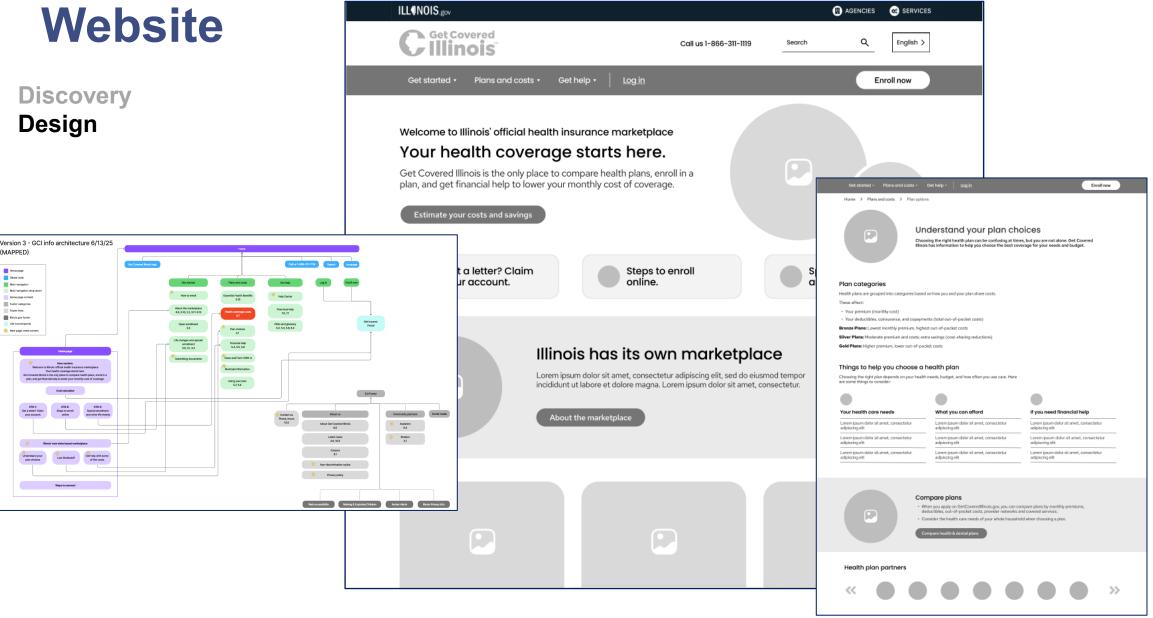
In-person

**Discovery** Design

Main navigation

Footer categories

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### **Customer Communications Timeline**

- 9/30/2025: HealthCare.gov will send a notice to customers about the transition.
- 9/30/2025: HealthCare.gov call center IVR will be updated with transition information.
- 10/1/2025: Get Covered Illinois Customer Assistance Center will be open for live calls.
- 10/1/2025: Updated website will be launched with iterative content updates up to and through Open Enrollment.
- 10/6/2025: Get Covered Illinois will send their notice to customers confirming the transition.
- Mid/Late October: Get Covered Illinois and Insurers send 2026 renewal notices to customers.

CMS does not want anyone to communicate with customers about the transition prior to HealthCare.gov sending their notice on 9/30/2025.

### **Communications Platform: ACTION NEEDED!**

Thank you for your partnership with Get Covered Illinois and all the work you do to help Illinoisans access quality, affordable healthcare coverage. To continue sharing important updates, resources, and opportunities with you, we're moving to a new and improved communications platform.

### Why this matters to you:

 Our new system will ensure that you receive only the most relevant, timely information, tailored to your role and interests. From enrollment and certification updates and policy changes to training invitations and post-webinar followup resources, we'll help you stay informed.

### What we need from you:

To comply with communication guidelines, we need your consent to continue reaching out to you. It only
takes a minute to opt in by clicking <a href="https://mailchi.mp/illinois.gov/partner-opt-in-form">https://mailchi.mp/illinois.gov/partner-opt-in-form</a>

### We will be in touch after today's webinar with the link!



# **Proposed Rule**

The proposed rule was issued by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in March 2025. The Illinois Department of Insurance, with input from Get Covered Illinois, submitted comments on April 11 emphasizing the importance of:

- Flexibility and stability for State Based Marketplaces (SBMs), citing SBMs are familiar with their customers and partners and their unique needs and best positioned to make decisions that are in the best interest of them—including keeping gender-affirming care as an essential health benefit.
- Keeping DACA recipients eligible for Marketplace plans\*, citing the loss of accessible healthcare for this population as well as having a negative impact on risk pools.
- Delaying implementation of new provisions until after PY2026 to allow for the market to stabilize after what will be many changes due to expiration of the enhanced APTCs and existing requirements

<sup>\*</sup> DACA recipients became eligible for marketplace coverage beginning November 1, 2024. For more information, see FAQs: https://getcovered.illinois.gov/resources/faqs-eligibility-for-daca-recipients.html

# Impacts: Final Rule Issued on June 20, 2025

### Reduced Enrollment Periods

- Individuals with incomes up to 150% FPL no longer qualify for an income-based SEP (starting 8/25/2025).
- Mandated Open Enrollment begin no later than November 1 and end no later than December 31 (starting PY2027).

### Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Recipients Become Ineligible

Definition of "lawfully present" now excludes DACA recipients (starting 8/25/2025).

### Increased Administrative Tasks / Financial Unknowns for the Customer

- No future APTC if prior year APTC not reconciled on tax return (starting PY2026).
- Customers must verify income if IRS does not return income data (starting PY2026).
- Requiring customers to verify income if IRS data shows under 100% FPL\* (starting PY2026).
- Eliminates the 60-day extension to verify income and reverts to the standard 90 days (starting 8/25/2025).
- Eliminates the auto enrolling of CSR-eligible customers who were in a Bronze plan into a Silver Plan (starting PY2026).
- Allows carriers to add past-due premium amounts to the customer's binder payment (starting 8/25/2025).

### Covered Benefits

Coverage for gender-affirming care continues in Illinois marketplace plans, per state law.

### **Get Covered Illinois' Role**

### **Support the Customer**

- Public Awareness Campaign: Here to Help
  - Featuring pathways to support by promoting navigators, brokers and our Customer Assistance Center.
- Tools and Resources for Navigators and Brokers
  - Updated website, broker and navigator locator, crosswalk tool, dedicated phone line, newsletters, webinars.
- Community Outreach
  - Making strong connections in communities through our partnership with Rudd Resources.







### Next Get Covered Illinois Broker Webinar

### Join us for our next webinar!

Thursday, September 4, 2025, 11:00 AM CDT

### **Broker Webinar Resources:**

https://getcovered.illinois.gov/resources/broker-webinarmaterial.html

- Recordings of Past Webinars
- Slide Decks
- FAQs
- Broker Transition Information Form

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# Thank You!



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