The Easy Enrollment Tax Referral Program

If you find yourself without health coverage this tax season, you can become eligible for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for private health insurance coverage through Maine's Easy Enrollment Program.

The Easy Enrollment Tax Referral Program is the "check the box" option on your Maine state tax return (Form 1040ME) to opt-in to receive information about health insurance options. By "checking the box," CoverME.gov will contact you with information on your coverage options and how to enroll in coverage. CoverME.gov is Maine's one-stop-shop to compare and enroll in quality health coverage, often with financial savings.

How it works

• Check <u>all</u> boxes on form 1040ME that apply to your household. Let us know that you'd like more information about health insurance coverage, who needs coverage, and how you prefer to be contacted. By checking the boxes, you give Maine Revenue Services permission to share your contact information with CoverME.gov. Here's an example:

	See the instructions and check each box that applies.					
HEALTH CARE COVERAGE	35a.	I would like the Maine DHHS, Office of the Health Insurance Marketplace ("CoverME.gov") to contact me to see if I or my household qualify for free or reduced-cost health coverage. I authorize MRS to share the information indicated in boxes 35b through 35e with CoverME.gov.				
	35b.	I do not have health care coverage	35e.	My preferred method of contact is (select one):		Mailing address listed on page 1
	35C.					Phone number listed on page 1
	35d.	One or more of my dependent(s) do not have health care coverage				Email address listed below

- **File your taxes.** After you file your taxes, Maine Revenue Services will share your contact information with CoverME.gov, so we can contact you with more information.
- Watch for the CoverME.gov communication. CoverME.gov receives information from the Maine Revenue Services three times a year in March, May and August. Once we receive your information, CoverME.gov will contact you by mail, phone or email to explain how to enroll in health coverage.
- **Get enrolled.** Visit <u>CoverME.gov</u>, create an account and start your application using the Special Enrollment Period "Easy Enrollment Tax Referral." Pick a plan that works for your needs and budget and call our Consumer Assistance Center at 1-866-636-0355, TTY: 711 to activate the Special Enrollment Period (SEP). Once you activate the SEP, you will have 35 days to enroll.

Questions? Call us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET at **1-866-636-0355**, **TTY: 711** or get free, local help from a Broker or Maine Enrollment Assister by visiting CoverME.gov/localhelp. To see if you might qualify for another Special Enrollment Period (for example, losing other health coverage, moving to Maine, or getting married), visit CoverME.gov.

