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Date: October 31, 2019

Market: **Maryland 2-50 Groups and Individual (except Medicare Supplement)**

MD Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy Life Event – Effective January 1, 2020

Mandate summary (MD HB127)

Effective January 1, 2020, for any new or renewing small group and individual plans, carriers must provide a special enrollment period (SEP) for pregnancy. MD HB127 allows individuals who become pregnant to enroll in a health benefit plan. This mandate establishes a 90-day duration for the special enrollment period beginning on the date a pregnancy is confirmed by a health care practitioner. Coverage will begin on the first day of the month in which pregnancy is confirmed.

Effective date and impacted business

- Effective January 1, 2020, this applies to new business and upon renewal for existing business
- 2-50 groups headquartered in Maryland
- Consumer individual residing in Maryland (except Medicare Supplement)
- Grandfathered business is included

For more information

If you have any questions, please contact your broker sales representative.