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Good news! Federal law has changed, and significant new tax credits are now available to New Yorkers who buy a health plan through NY State of Health. Learn more [here](#).

[The American Rescue Plan](#), which was signed into law on March 11, 2021, will lower health care costs by providing new and expanded financial assistance to New Yorkers enrolling in health insurance through NY State of Health. Our new [fact sheet](#) and [website](#) provide additional details.

This new, enhanced assistance is available to current enrollees and new enrollees, including to higher-income individuals for the first time if they qualify. Individuals with low and moderate incomes can access the higher tax credits **now** by visiting [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](#). In **June**, NY State of Health will automatically apply these higher tax credits to current enrollees without requiring any action by the consumer. Also starting in **June**, higher income New Yorkers can access the new tax credits.

Consumers who complete their updated enrollment in April will receive a premium invoice from their health plan that reflects the lowered premium amount beginning in May. To allow as many consumers as possible to access these enhanced tax credits, and in light of the ongoing public health emergency, NY State of Health has extended its 2021 Open Enrollment Period for Qualified Health Plans through December 31. Ensuring access to affordable health coverage and care is more important than ever, so that individuals do not avoid seeking testing or medical care for fear of cost during the ongoing public health emergency.

Individuals who are eligible for other NY State of Health programs—Medicaid, Essential Plan and Child Health Plus—can enroll year-round. The best way for consumers to receive assistance at this time is to phone a navigator or other NY State of Health assistor for help. As always, they can call the NY State of Health Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777. By visiting our website, [www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov](#) individuals can [find an enrollment assistor](#) and get help over the phone. Assistors can also help with updating accounts if needed.

To request free NY State of Health educational materials to distribute at your pharmacy, please visit: <https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/ordermaterials>.

Thank you for partnering with us to get this important information to your customers.