

# Opportunity Wisconsin: ACA open enrollment extension to August 15 means more Wisconsinites to get covered

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**MADISON, Wis.**— Opportunity Wisconsin released the following statement after President Biden [yesterday announced](#) the Affordable Care Act special enrollment period would be extended from May 15 to August 15.

## **Meghan Roh, Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director**

*“This extension is huge news for Wisconsinites who need access to quality, affordable health care, especially as we’re still in a pandemic. The Affordable Care Act and the American Rescue Plan are now working hand-in-hand to ensure folks in Wisconsin get and stay covered. This enrollment extension, coupled with the critical financial assistance from the American Rescue Plan, will save Wisconsinites money and keep them healthy.”*

Yesterday, Opportunity Wisconsin [marked the 11th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act](#) by highlighting how the recently-passed American Rescue Plan builds on the ACA’s success and makes historic healthcare investments to reduce health care costs for Wisconsin workers and families. Wisconsinites earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level can now access health care coverage with \$0 premiums. Wisconsin workers on unemployment insurance at any point in 2021 will also have access to care for \$0. Many other families will see their monthly insurance premium payments drop due to a new 8.5% cap on premium prices. These changes make healthcare more affordable and provide relief families navigating the uncertainty of the pandemic.