



## Michigan Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan

In March of 2010, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act – the new health reform law. The law creates a new program – the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) – to make health coverage available to uninsured individuals if they have been denied health insurance by private insurance companies because of a pre-existing condition.

PCIP, which can be administered by either States or the Federal government, provides a new health coverage option for individuals if they have been uninsured for at least six months and have faced barriers in accessing individual commercial coverage by a private insurance company because of a preexisting condition. This program will help individuals who have faced barriers or who have been locked out of the insurance market until 2014, when discrimination based on a pre-existing condition will be prohibited and access to more affordable insurance coverage choices will be available through competitive State Exchanges.

The State of Michigan is planning to run its own PCIP program, using \$141 million in federal funding made available under the Affordable Care Act.

In August, eligible Michiganians will be able to apply for coverage under the state’s new PCIP program. The details of the program include:

- Eligibility: To qualify for coverage, an individual must:

Be a citizen or national of the United States or lawfully present in the United States.

Be uninsured for at least the last six months before application.

Have evidence of a pre-existing condition from a list established by the state.

- Costs: The costs to the individual include:

Premium: Premium rates to be established by August 15<sup>th</sup>

Deductible: \$1,000

Post-Deductible Copays:

Medical: \$20 primary care and physical therapy; \$20 mental health; \$30 specialist; 20% Coinsurance (up to \$1,500 max.) for other services

Drug: \$10 for generic; \$30 for preferred/formulary brand; \$50 non-formulary brand

Out of Pocket Limit: \$5,950

**To learn more about this program, please call 1 (877) 999-6442.**