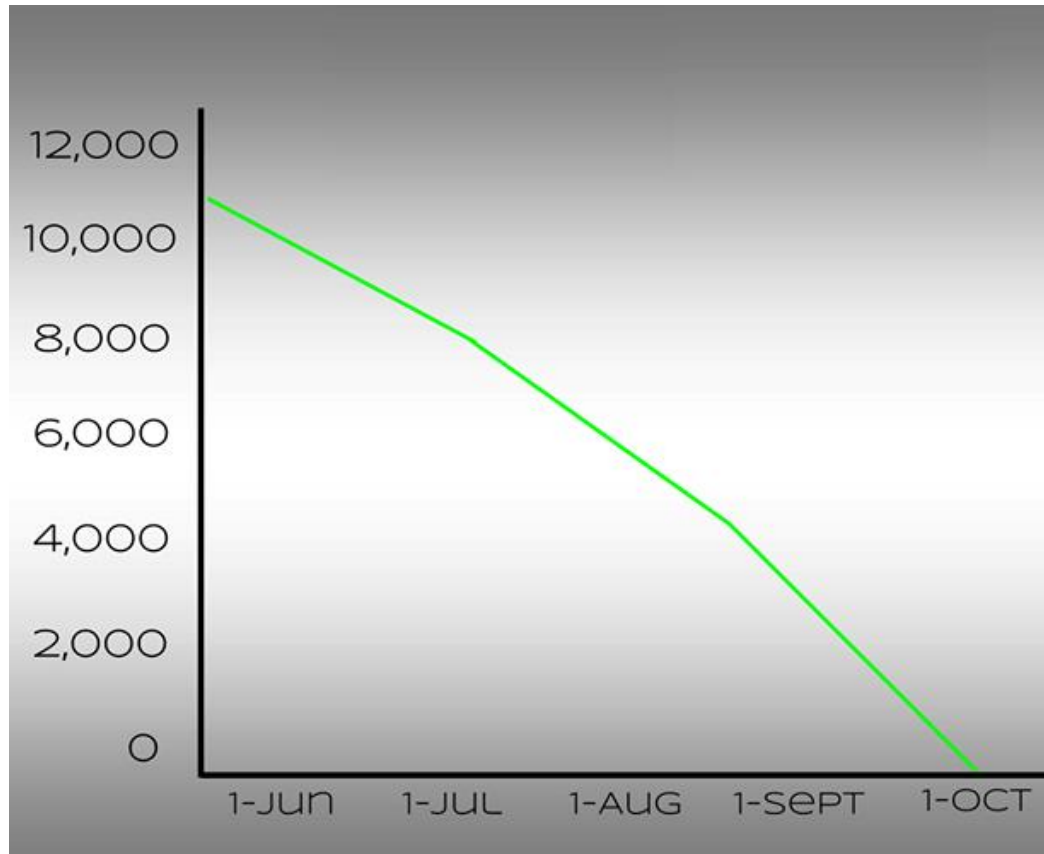


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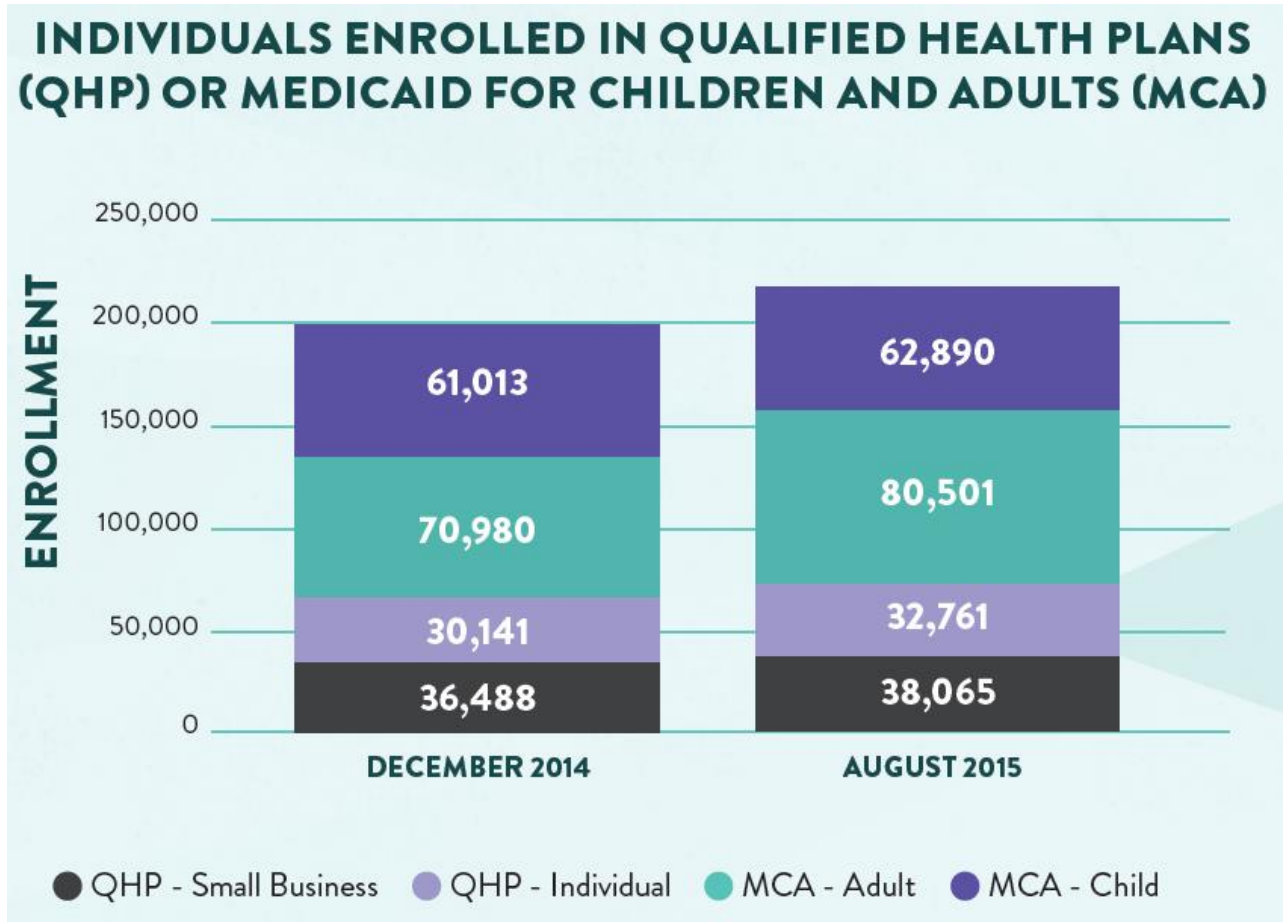
Change Request Backlog



Cost of 2016 Health Plans

- Carriers requested, and Green Mountain Care Board approved, smaller premium increases for 2016 than last year.
 - BCBSVT premiums up 5.9% on average, compared to 7.7% last year.
 - MVP premiums up 2.4% on average, compared to 10.9% last year.
- HDHPs increased more than standard deductible plans.
 - The Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan, which serves as a benchmark for financial help, is an HDHP.
 - As a result, increase in financial help outpaced the rate increase for many customers who qualify for APTC and/or VPA.
- In 2016, a couple earning \$50,000 per year will pay \$435 for a Standard Silver plan (after receiving \$533 in APTC and VPA). In 2015, they would have paid about \$20 more.
- In 2016, an individual earning \$30,000 per year will pay \$187 for a Standard Silver 73 plan with cost-sharing reductions. In 2015, they would have paid about \$10 more.

Lives Covered in Vermont



Effectuated enrollments for Small Business QHP (direct enrolled) as reported by insurers to VHC. Dec. 2014 Individual QHP as reported by insurers to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). August 2015 Individual QHP as reported by insurers to VHC. Medicaid for Children and Adults (MCA) as reported by Vermont Health Connect and Vermont's legacy ACCESS system. MCA includes Dr. Dynasaur and CHIP but does not include Medicaid for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (MABD).

Health Insurance 101 Events

- **Canaan:** September 28, 5:30-7pm – Alice M. Ward Memorial Library
- **Newport:** October 3, 10:00-11:30am – Goodrich Memorial Library
- **Rutland:** October 6, 5:30-7pm – Rutland Public Library
- **Burlington:** October 7, 5:30-7pm – Fletcher Free Library
- **Essex:** October 8, 6:00-7:30pm – Essex Free Library
- **Lyndon:** October 13, 5:30-7pm – Cobleigh Public Library
- **Barton:** October 19, 5:30-7pm – Jones Memorial Library
- **Barre:** October 20, 5:30-7pm – Aldrich Public Library
- **Brattleboro:** October 21, 5:30-7pm – Brooks Library
- **Bennington:** October 22, 5:30-7pm – Bennington Free Library

Additional locations are being added. For details on upcoming events, visit VermontHealthConnect.gov or call 1-855-899-9600 (toll-free).

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