

S.262 - Special enrollment period language

* * * Special Enrollment Period for Silver Plan Enrollees * * *

Sec. 15. 2019 SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR SILVER PLAN ENROLLEES

(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, health insurers offering qualified health benefit plans through the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange, and the Office of the Health Care Advocate shall engage in outreach efforts designed to encourage and assist individuals and families enrolling in silver-level qualified health benefit plans established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1811 and reflective silver plans established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1813 to review all 2019 plan options and to select the plan during the 2019 open enrollment period that makes the most financial sense for the individual or family in light of any modifications to premiums and premium assistance amounts resulting from the loss of federal cost-sharing reduction payments and the enactment of 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 88.

(b) The Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow individuals and families who enrolled in silver-level qualified health benefit plans established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1811 and reflective silver plans established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1813 during the 2019 open enrollment period to change plans between December 15, 2018 and January 15, 2019 in the event that they determine during that time period that their original plan selection was not their most cost-effective option.