



*As part of federal health care reform legislation, effective September 23, 2010, eligible dependents may remain on their parents' health insurance policy up to age 26. Prior to this requirement taking effect, EmblemHealth has announced that they will be extending coverage for currently enrolled dependents on small group Emblem, GHI & HIP plans, who would have otherwise lost coverage due to age after April 30, 2010.*

*Please see the following notice from EmblemHealth for details:*

As you may be aware, under the newly enacted federal health care reform bill, eligible young adult dependents will be entitled to health care coverage under their parents' policy until age 26. This provision of the new federal law, which takes effect on September 23, 2010, requires implementation by health insurance plans no later than the policy's renewal date.

Before the new law takes effect, EmblemHealth and its companies, GHI and HIP, are extending the coverage of any currently insured dependents of covered small group and direct pay subscribers scheduled to age out of eligibility under their parents' plan after April 30, 2010. Therefore, these dependents will experience no interruption of coverage.

We are sending affected small groups, as well as small group and direct pay subscribers, the attached letters about this "bridge" coverage. The subscriber letter advises subscribers to do nothing if they would like health care coverage for their currently insured dependents to continue.

- [Click here to see a sample group letter.](#)
- [Click here to see a sample subscriber letter.](#)
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