**Attention Pathmark Members** 

## Important Information About Obtaining Coverage in the Health Care Insurance Marketplace (Affordable Care Act)

If you need to purchase health insurance due to your store closing, it is important that you begin the application process <u>as soon as possible</u> to ensure that you obtain coverage within the guidelines of the program.

 Call Local 1262's Health & Welfare office **1-800-522-4161** 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

Ask for a Certificate of Creditable Coverage (COCC).

This document is necessary to prove that you had health coverage in place prior to your store closing.



2. Visit <u>www.Healthcare.gov</u>.

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The site will "walk you" through the enrollment process by asking you several questions (see section below). To complete the enrollment process you will need:

- Your mailing address
- Your Social Security Number
- Your Employer's name and income information for 2014
- Policy numbers for any current health insurance plans (these can be found on your existing insurance card or on the COCC).

## You can also call the National Hotline for assistance 24/7 at 1-800-318-2596.

## PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- There are many options for coverage in the Marketplace individual, family, children, etc.
- Prices vary by the type of coverage you choose, deductibles, etc.
- Many people who apply are eligible for financial assistance or low-cost health coverage.

## We urge all of our Pathmark members to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible by following the steps below:

- 1. Google **Healthcare.gov** or go to <u>https://www.healthcare.gov/</u>
- 2. Go to the left of the homepage and click on Need a 2015 Plan?

3. This brings you to the "See if you can get 2015 health coverage" page. Enter your zip code, and when your county appears with it, click on it.

4. Under "What do you want to do first", click on Find out if you qualify for a Special Enrollment.

5. On the "This isn't an application for health coverage" page, click on Continue.

6. On the **"See if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period"** page, answer all the questions. <u>The</u> <u>most important question is the first one, asking if you have lost or expect to lose health coverage in the</u> <u>past/next 60 days.</u> If this situation applies to you, answer **YES**.

After answering all the questions, click on See if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.
 On the "It looks like you may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period" page, you can review available plans and prices, make certain you have all the information you need to apply and review an income chart to see if you qualify for lower-cost programs).

9. Finally, click on Start or Update an Application.