

**Important Notice to Applicants**

**Temporary Federal High Risk Pool (PCIP Plan)**

**THE PCIP PROGRAM IS NOT ADMINISTERED BY LOUISIANA HEALTH PLAN**

**LOUISIANA HEALTH PLAN WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE STATE  
POOL WHICH INCLUDES THE  
HIGH RISK HEALTH INSURANCE POOL AND HIPAA POOL**

Dear Louisiana High Risk Pool or HIPAA Pool Applicant:

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) into law. The Act contains a provision (Section 1101) for a new temporary federal high risk health insurance pool program to be established within 90 days (the “PCIP Pool”).

To qualify for the PCIP Pool, an individual must be a citizen or national of the United States, or lawfully present, **must have a pre-existing medical condition, and must have been uninsured (without insurance) for at least 6 months,**

You can get more information on the PCIP Pool (also known as the Pre Existing Condition Plan (PCIP Plan)) by clicking here: <https://www.pcip.gov/> You may also contact them at 1-866-717-5826 for more information.

You should determine which risk pool program – state or federal – best serves your needs, based on your individual circumstances.

If you have any questions about the State Pools, or the information contained in this Notice, please call the Louisiana Health Plan at 1-800-736-0947 or e-mail us at [lahp@lahealthplan.org](mailto:lahp@lahealthplan.org).

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