

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **New Enrollment to be suspended for Take Care Arkansas Application submission deadline is Friday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m.**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has informed Take Care Arkansas, also known as the Preexisting Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP), that the federally based temporary insurance program is **suspending enrollment**. Per HHS directive, the last business day that Take Care Arkansas may accept applications is **Friday, March 1, 2013**. HHS has made this decision because PCIP relies on federal funding and funding is limited.

**Take Care Arkansas must RECEIVE an application by Friday, March 1 at 5:00 p.m. to consider the applicant for enrollment.** Applicants may submit enrollment materials in the following ways to meet this deadline.

- **By mail or Express mail, to:** Take Care Arkansas (PCIP), P.O. Box 1460, Little Rock, AR 72203;
- **By hand-delivery or overnight courier:** EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, Take Care Arkansas also will accept applications by hand-delivery (between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday) or overnight courier (such as FedEx or UPS) at: Take Care Arkansas (PCIP), c/o BlueAdvantage Administrators of Arkansas, 320 W. Capitol, Suite 500, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Take Care Arkansas does not accept applications by e-mail or fax, because you must submit your first month's premium payment with the application:

**Again, to comply with the HHS requirements, Take Care Arkansas must RECEIVE your application on or before March 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. or we cannot process it for enrollment. Date of receipt, not postmark date, will determine if Take Care Arkansas may process the application.** After this time, HHS will only permit someone to enroll in Take Care Arkansas if they already are covered under PCIP in another state and are moving to Arkansas.

Call 800-285-6477 or email [applynow@takecarearkansas.org](mailto:applynow@takecarearkansas.org) for more information.

### **Existing Coverage Continues**

This announcement does not impact persons currently enrolled in Take Care Arkansas. We will continue to cover existing enrollees and qualifying individuals whose applications are received **on or before Friday, March 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. and who are accepted into the program.** Take Care Arkansas coverage is scheduled to last **through December 31, 2013, subject to availability of federal funds.**