

**NEW JERSEY
INDIVIDUAL HEALTH COVERAGE PROGRAM BOARD**

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Dear Member of the IHC Program Issuing Standard Health Benefits Plans:

This bulletin serves to clarify the issue of monthly billing as it relates to the Standard Health Benefits Plans issued as a result of the Individual Health Insurance Reform Act (N.J.S.A. 17B:27A-2 et seq).

The Act and subsequent regulations (N.J.A.C. 11:20) require that all members of the Individual Health Coverage Program offer monthly billing as a premium payment option to the subscribers enrolling in the standard health benefits plans. Carriers may also offer quarterly or semi-annual billing modes as a premium payment option.

Although carriers may offer a payment mechanism which automatically withdraws funds from a subscriber's bank account as an option, it cannot be the only means of billing on a monthly basis.

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with this bulletin.

Interim Administrator
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