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# Mayors Advisory

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RE: 9,600 NJ Residents Need to Take Action to Retain Health Insurance

Dear Mayor:

The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently publicized an important Health Insurance Marketplace deadline. You may want to take appropriate steps to share this with your citizens.

The Federal Health Insurance Marketplace began sending notices this week to **consumers with a citizenship or immigration data matching issues** (also called inconsistencies) who have not responded to previous notices via mail, email, and phone. While the Federal Marketplace has already received documents and cleared a large number of data inconsistencies related to citizenship or immigration status, **consumers who have not yet responded must act now and submit supporting documents by September 5**, or their Marketplace coverage will end on September 30.

A citizenship or immigration data matching issue can happen when the information reported in a consumer's application, such as a Social Security or Permanent Resident Card number, is incomplete or different than the information the government has on file. A data inconsistency does not necessarily mean there is a problem with an individual's eligibility for enrollment; it means that additional information is needed to verify the information provided in an application. However, if these supporting documents are not received, health insurance plans will be terminated in order to ensure program integrity and protect taxpayer dollars.

Press reports indicate that this deadline could affect approximately 9,600 Garden State residents, who bought insurance through the Marketplace. For more helpful tips and the steps these consumers need to take, you can direct them to <https://www.healthcare.gov/blog/still-need-to-send-documents/>

Very truly yours,

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