



ATTENTION ALL TEXAS HEALTH INSURANCE POOL POLICYHOLDERS
IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING TERMINATION OF POOL COVERAGE
POOL COVERAGE IS EXTENDED 90 DAYS

NEW COVERAGE TERMINATION DATE IS MARCH 31, 2014

Due to the inability of many eligible Texans to successfully enroll in new health insurance coverage through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace, including the www.healthcare.gov website, **the Texas Commissioner of Insurance has delayed the cancellation of Pool coverage for 90 days, with a new cancellation date of March 31, 2014**. This temporary extension of the Pool safety net program will give Pool enrollees more time, if needed, to shop for new coverage and enroll in an insurance company plan, whether purchased through the Marketplace or directly from the insurance company. An insurance agent can assist you with your search for new coverage, at no additional cost to you. The Pool's website provides a link to a helpful agent finder tool.

Important Reminder: Enrollment through the www.healthcare.gov Marketplace is necessary only if your household income qualifies you for federal premium assistance and you wish to claim that tax credit. Otherwise, if your income is too high or too low to make you eligible for a federal premium subsidy, you can purchase your new plan directly from the insurance company of your choice, without accessing the Marketplace enrollment systems. If you think you are eligible for premium assistance, but are still having trouble purchasing a plan through the federal Marketplace, the insurance company offering the Marketplace plan you have selected may be able to help you access your federal premium subsidy tax credit directly through its own enrollment system.

We encourage you to continue to try to enroll in a new health insurance plan as soon as possible because Pool premium rates may be increased during the extension period. In addition, you may incur 2014 out-of-pocket costs during the Pool extension period, such as deductibles, coinsurance and copays, that are not likely to be credited to your replacement plan's annual out-of-pocket spending cap.

The Pool will discontinue all automatic bank drafts and will be mailing premium invoices to Pool policyholders for the coverage period beginning January 1, 2014. You must continue to pay your Pool premiums during this extension period in order for your Pool coverage to remain in force. Once you have obtained replacement coverage and no longer need your Pool coverage after December 2013, please send us a written coverage cancellation request. A cancellation form has been included for your convenience. You may also send a cancellation request by email to: texashealthpool@bcbstx.com. Visit the Pool's website at www.txhealthpool.org for the latest information and updates.

Sincerely,

The Texas Health Insurance Pool
Executive Director's Office
Email: poolinfo@txhealthpool.org



CANCELLATION FORM

<input type="checkbox"/> Member Information	First Name	Last Name
Member ID # #ZGR	Telephone Number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancellation of Coverage If cancellation of coverage applies to other covered family members, attach a separate page listing the name and Pool Member ID # for each family member.	Cancellation Effective Date:	
	I wish to cancel my Pool coverage. My reason for cancellation is:	
Signature of Member X	Date	Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date (If Member is under age 18 or legally incompetent) X

Mail this form to: Texas Health Insurance Pool
 P. O. Box 660819
 Dallas, TX 75266

Fax this form to: 1-325-793-4134
 Questions? Call: 1-888-398-3927
 Web site: www.txhealthpool.org