

Health Insurance Eligibility for DACA Recipients



Issue

Out of nearly 580,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients in the United States, around 34 percent are uninsured.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services proposed a rule

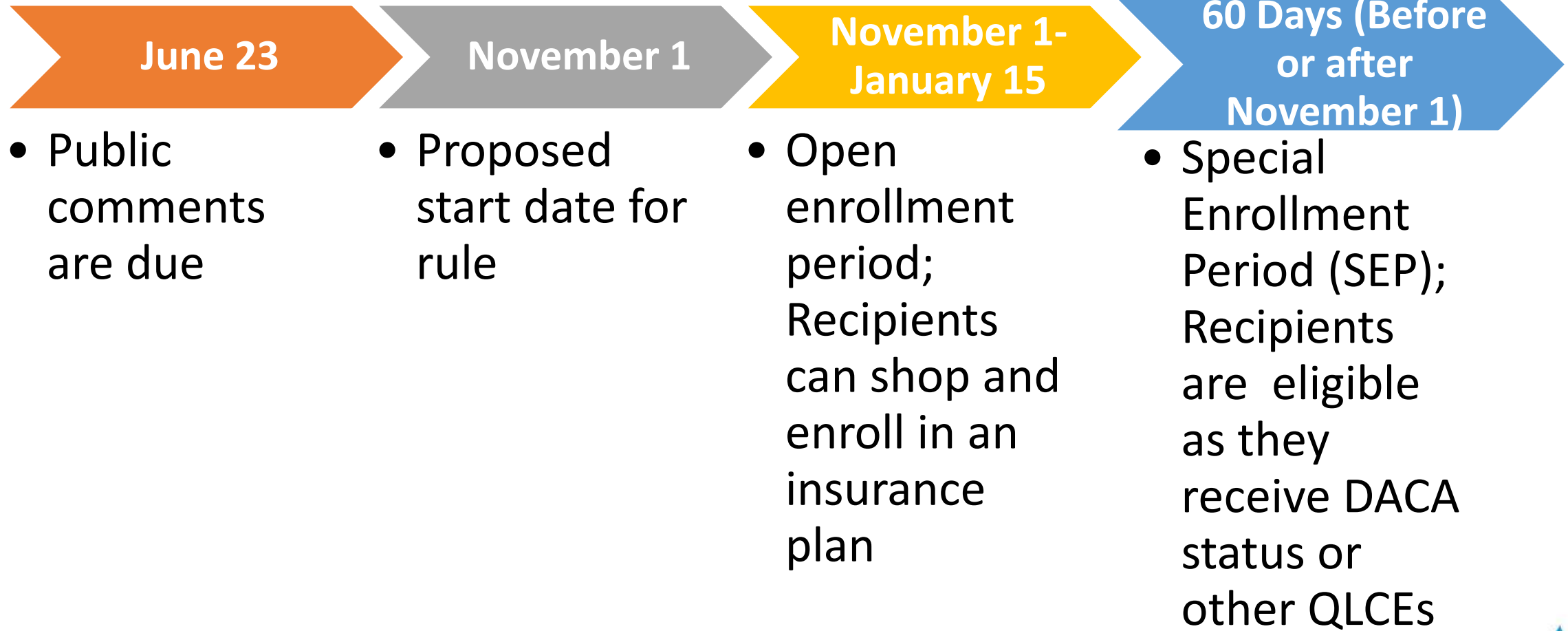
To consider DACA recipients as “**lawfully present**” solely to allow them to enroll in affordable **health insurance programs** aligning with the Affordable Care Act’s goal of improving healthcare access.

Enrollment Options

Under the proposed rule, DACA recipients can enroll in:

- **Qualified Health Plans via Marketplace** and receive financial aid through premium tax credits, advance payments of the premium tax credit, and cost-sharing reductions based on their eligibility.
- **Basic Health Program (BHP- New York and Minnesota)**
- **Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program;** only for pregnant people or recipients under 19.

Proposed Bill Timeline 2023



Alignment with Connect for Health Colorado's Mission and Strategic Plan

Increase access, affordability, and choice for a new group of individuals and small employers purchasing health insurance in Colorado

Improve the ability of customers to attain and retain the right health coverage for their circumstances

Increase available slots in OmniSalud program as DACA recipients move to Marketplace coverage

Alignment with Connect for Health Colorado's Mission and Strategic Plan

Reduce health disparities in a population with high barriers to health coverage

Maximize the number of Coloradans who shop and enroll through the health insurance marketplace and apply for financial assistance

Questions?

Appendix

Estimated Enrollments

Based on a survey, the Department of Health & Human Services notes that under the proposed rule, 129,000 nationwide DACA recipients will be able to enroll in a health plan comprising:

112,000 Marketplace enrollees

13,000 Medicaid enrollees

4,000 BHP enrollees

References

- [CMS proposed full rule](#)
- [Nationwide DACA recipient estimated enrollment](#)
- [Colorado DACA recipient's presence](#)