

**WAC 284-43-1080 Individual market open enrollment requirements.**

(1) For purposes of this section, "open enrollment" means a specific period of time each year during which enrollment in a health benefit plan is permitted. This section applies to plans offered in the individual market.

(2) An issuer must limit the dates for enrollment in plans offered on the individual market off the health benefit exchange to the same time period for open enrollment established by the health benefit exchange.

(3) An issuer must prominently display information on its website about open enrollment periods and special enrollment periods applicable to its plans offered either on or off the health benefit exchange.

(a) The website information about enrollment periods must provide a consumer with the ability to access or request and receive an application packet for enrollment at any time.

(b) The displayed information must include details written in plain language explaining what constitutes a qualifying event for special enrollment.

(4) Written notice of open enrollment must be provided to enrolled persons at some point between September 1st and September 30th of each year.

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