

It's E-Day! The Affordable Care Act's (ACA) first open enrollment is finally here. In the coming weeks and months, we know you will be busy working to ensure that people understand their coverage options and are able to enroll in the program that best suits their needs. Questions will inevitably arise as millions enter the new Marketplaces and states and health advocates grapple with new Medicaid eligibility and income rules. NHeLP has answers. Here are just a few of our many resources:

The September [Open Enrollment Health Advocate](#) provides an overview of the key issues advocates have on their radar as open enrollment begins.

Our [Medicaid Expansion Toolbox](#) serves as a one-stop shop for all things related to the ACA's adult Medicaid expansion.

This [Q&A on the ACA's Women's Preventive Services Requirements](#) provides details about the critical services most plans must now cover without cost-sharing.

Coming Soon! **The Advocate's Guide to MAGI** is our new hands-on tool to help understand and apply the new rules for counting income and household size to determine eligibility for Medicaid, CHIP and tax credits for health insurance through the Marketplaces.

We also encourage you to explore the new resources on Medicaid's website, [medicaid.gov](http://medicaid.gov).  
The

[State Medicaid & CHIP Policies for 2014](#)

page includes state-by-state data on:

- Converted MAGI-based income eligibility thresholds;
- Consumer Experience Profiles that include information on the enrollment systems now in place (these will be updated on an ongoing basis);
- Eligibility Verification Plans; and
- State Plan Amendment activity for Medicaid and CHIP.

We encourage you to utilize these resources and continue to look to NHeLP as a resource for finding answers to your healthcare questions.