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Under Age 19 Eligible for Health Insurance Regardless of Health Condition

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Division of Insurance announces anyone under age 19 is eligible for health insurance regardless of their health condition during an open enrollment period beginning July 1 and ending August 14.

“Insurance companies offering individual health insurance are required to offer this new option for South Dakota’s children,” said Merle Scheiber, Director of the Division of Insurance. “This is a great opportunity for those who have been prevented from getting insurance because of health problems.”

In addition, people under the age of 19 with individual health insurance plans with an exclusionary rider will be offered a policy without a rider or exclusion during this open enrollment period.

Scheiber urges people who have questions about the program or need assistance with enrolling to contact a licensed insurance agent or the Division of Insurance at 605.773.3563. For a list of companies who may offer coverage during open enrollment, visit http://dlr.sd.gov/reg/insurance/consumer/major_medical.htm