



## Update on Direct Premium Payments During COVID-19

In March, the State Health Plan enacted temporary changes in response to COVID-19 that extended the grace period for direct bill premiums that were originally due on or after March 1, 2020.

For active groups, this impacted your leave of absence (LOA) employees, 12-Month RIF members and COBRA participants. As we move into the next phase of the recovery, the Plan is returning to the thirty (30) day grace period and will once again follow [the standard Rules on Arrears](#).

During the first week of June, anyone who has a payment that is more than 30 days in arrears will have their coverage terminated effective the last day of the month for which they have paid full premiums.

For the next few months, members who want to be reinstated will be able to pay their current balance via credit card or automated clearing house (ACH) from their checking account in order to get reinstated. They may also be able to set up a payment plan. These members should contact iTEDIUM at [877-679-6272](tel:877-679-6272) to determine the best path forward.

Please note: The State Health Plan has updated various COBRA notices and invoices below with **temporary** language related to the COVID-19 emergency. This language conforms to federal guidelines.

- [COBRA Invoice](#)
- [COBRA Early Termination Notice](#)

- [COBRA Election Notice](#)



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