

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT **SHOP** UPDATE

Online application for small businesses via the **SHOP** Marketplace website has been delayed for one year. Small businesses (50 or fewer FTE employees) who wish to provide health insurance to their employees and receive the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit can now do so through an agent, broker, or insurer that offers SHOP plans.

In Illinois, 35 SHOP plans are offered through Blue Cross and Land of Lincoln.

To learn more about SHOP plans, please go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/find-premium-estimates/>.

To learn about the Tax Credit, please go to <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Small-Business-Health-Care-Tax-Credit-for-Small-Employers>.

The SHOP Call Center is (800) 706-7893, and is available M- F 8AM-6PM.

Individual employees without health insurance through their employer are required to have insurance by January 1, 2014. Individuals should contact Leyden Family Service at (847) 451-8300 to make an appointment to enroll in healthcare insurance.

Additionally, Leyden Family Service can come to a work site to meet with uninsured employees, per employer request. Employer can contact Leyden Family Service to discuss. (847) 451-8300 or areiher@leydenfamilyservice.org.