

DaVita Shares Tips for Open Enrollment Season

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 5, 2013-- Millions of Americans are currently enrolling in their health benefits for the coming year. [DaVita®](#), a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE: DVA) and a leading provider of kidney care services, shares tips for open enrollment for dialysis patients.

Dialysis patients in particular should take time to review their benefit options.

- Understand your benefit options and who will be impacted: Review your options for medical, dental, vision and disability and take time to understand how they will best meet the needs of you and your family.
- Know the timing for enrollment: Enrollment may last only one to two weeks. Knowing how to enroll and how to make changes as well as the window to do so will help you and your family prepare.
- Review the information available: Look for materials from your employer about your choices. Watch for information about your current coverage and coverage options for the upcoming year, which may be provided to you via mailings or handouts from employers.
- Look for changes in coverage: Review actual coverage availability within your plan offerings and take time to understand your access to care, prescription coverage, out-of-pocket costs and co-pays.

"Insurance coverage and plan options can be complicated," said Leticia Graves, DaVita insurance manager. "Any changes to your benefits could have a substantial effect on your care and finances in the coming year. Take the time to review and understand your options."

If you're employed and receive health benefits through your employer, please visit[DaVita.com/WorkingPatients](#) for additional information.

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