

Plan to streamline health law re-enrollment

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New health secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell says she wants to make it easy for the 8 million Americans signed up under the health care law to renew their insurance next year.

The Health and Human Services Department outlined a plan Thursday that allows people to automatically keep their current insurance, if it's available.

And for most consumers, the government will re-estimate the amount of subsidies that reduce their premiums. That's if they checked a box on their original application allowing HealthCare.gov to access their latest tax data.

Making it easier to re-enroll would cut the workload for the federal [insurance](#) website, making it less likely to crash again.

But premiums are also changing, and an independent market analysis firm says most consumers should shop around to get the best deals.

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