

# OBAMACARE SHOP DELAYS 101

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM



APRIL 1, 2013

## DELAY #1

JUNE 19, 2013

## REPORT ISSUED

A GAO report requested by Chairman Graves confirmed the administration was ill-equipped for the implementation of the SHOPs, showing potential for "implementation challenges going forward."

The Obama Administration announced that the employer health insurance choice on the federal SHOP exchanges would be delayed until 2015, limiting employers to one single plan.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

## DELAY #2

OCTOBER 29, 2013

## PROMISE MADE

During a Ways and Means Committee hearing, CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner said the SHOPs would be operating at the end of November.

HHS announced the SHOPs online enrollment would be postponed from October 1 until November, forcing small businesses to enroll using paper forms. That same day, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney clarified the enrollment would begin on November 1, 2013.

NOVEMBER 22, 2013

## DELAY #3

NOVEMBER 27, 2013

## DELAY #4

The day before Thanksgiving, the Administration announced a fourth SHOP-related delay, postponing online enrollment for a full year.

The Administration extended the Obamacare federal SHOP exchange signup deadline (for January 1 coverage) from December 15 to December 23.

JUNE 11, 2014

## DELAY #5

CMS announces 18 State SHOP's will delay employee choice until 2016.

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