Hi, this is Susan Wilson the Affordable Care Act Project Coordinator with the Council on Aging with a Health Care Minute on w-A-R-T – the Voice of Madison County, North Carolina.

Did you know that changes in your family size and tax household makeup can open up a Special Enrollment Period allowing you to get health insurance through the Marketplace outside of Open Enrollment? It’s true. If you get married or divorced, have a baby, adopt a child, have a child turn 26 and age off of your insurance or a member of your tax household dies, it will allow you to purchase insurance through the Marketplace. All of those life events can be used to create a new Marketplace account or to change your current application and choose new insurance that more effectively covers your new situation.

For further information you can call 1-800-318-2596 or you can go to healthcare.gov and search for Special Enrollment Periods for the full list of what changes are covered. You can also call 1-855-733-3711 to schedule an appointment with an Affordable Care Act Navigator in Madison County. This has been a Health Care Minute with me, Susan Wilson, on wART – the Voice of Madison County, North Carolina.