

Qualifying Events Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Acronym	Term	Definition
CHIP		Children's Health Insurance Program
COBRA		Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
DEP	Dependent	A child or individual who can be claimed by employee
EASI or Erisa	Erisa Administrative Services, Inc.	NMPSIA's Third Party Administrator who handles enrollment, eligibility, premium billing, premium collection and COBRA administration.
EE		Employee
ER		Employer
FAQ		Frequently Asked Questions
HIPPA		Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
NMPSIA	New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority	Serves as the purchasing agency for public school districts, post-secondary educational entities, charter schools and other educational entities. Through NMPSIA, member participating employers are afforded the opportunity to offer quality employee benefit and risk coverages.
Online	NMPSIA Online Benefits System	NMPSIA's electronic enrollment system available to participating employers and benefits enrolled employees that allows users to view, update and change enrollment.
QE	Qualifying Event	
	Domestic Partnership	Two people of the same or opposite sex who share a domestic life but are not married or joined by a civil union.
	Medicare	A federal health insurance program for people 65 and older and certain younger people with disabilities.
	Medicaid	Insurance program that provides free or low-cost health coverage to some low-income people, families and children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities.
	Open Enrollment Period	The yearly period when people can enroll in a health insurance plan effective the following year in January.