2021 Open Enrollment is almost here

Reminder: Marketplace Open Enrollment starts November 1, 2021 -- and lasts until January 15, 2022.

SPECIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR 2021-2022

The **Biden-Harris Administration**, through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (**CMS**), is taking a number of steps that will make it easier for the American people to sign up for quality, affordable health coverage and reduce health disparities in communities across the country. Beginning this year, consumers will have an extra 30 days to review and choose health plans through Open Enrollment, which will run from November 1, 2021 through January 15, 2022, on HealthCare.gov.

The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange today also announced an extension to January 15, 2022 of the special enrollment period that will begin November 1, 2021 to help uninsured Marylanders due to the ongoing crisis of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) declared by Gov. Larry Hogan. Uninsured Marylanders may enroll through the state's health insurance marketplace, MarylandHealthConnection.gov. Individuals also can download the free "Enroll MHC" mobile app. Free consumer assistance is available by calling 1-855-642-8572 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Request or select "Coronavirus Emergency Special Enrollment Period."

The enrollment period will begin Monday, November 1, and will now run through January 15.

This special enrollment is for private health insurance. Those who are eligible for Medicaid may apply any time of year. Help is available in more than 200 languages through the call center, as well as Relay service for the deaf and hard of hearing. Trained navigators and brokers statewide will offer help enrolling over the phone. You can find locations and contact information at MarylandHealthConnection.gov or the mobile app.

For additional details about Maryland's response to the ongoing pandemic, visit governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus. Health resource information is at health.maryland.gov/coronavirus.

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