November 1, 2019

Open enrollment for health insurance has begun

MOBILE, Alabama — Open enrollment for people who buy their own health insurance has started. The Federal Health Insurance Exchange (also known as the Marketplace) Open Enrollment Period runs through December 15, 2019, for coverage starting on January 1, 2020.

The Mobile County Health Department and Family Health, its primary care division, have 17 Certified Application Counselors ready to assist. The counselors have been trained and are able to help consumers as they look for health coverage options through the Health Insurance Exchange. They can assist consumers in completing eligibility and enrollment forms.

During the 2018-19 Fiscal Year, our Certified Application Counselors provided assistance with enrollment or re-enrollment to 1,100 individuals. Assistance by the Certified Application Counselors is free to consumers.

Certified Application Counselors can be found at all Family Health centers conveniently located throughout Mobile County. To make an appointment, please call the Family Health center located closest to you. For a list of sites, you may visit www.FamilyHealthAlabama.org or call 251-445-8632.

Similar to previous years, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is taking a strategic and cost-effective approach to inform individuals about Open Enrollment, deliver a smooth enrollment experience, and use consumer feedback to drive ongoing improvements across the Exchange platform. Consumers can visit HealthCare.gov and CuidadodeSalud.gov to preview 2020 plans and prices. For the first time, HealthCare.gov will also display quality rating information in states that use HealthCare.gov, expanding the information available for consumers in their decision-making when comparing health coverage choices.

For additional information on the Affordable Care Act, please visit https://www.healthcare.gov.

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