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Enrollment in the Marketplace Health Plans is Still Going Strong

The last day to get enrolled is this Sunday February 15

Wyoming's enrollment rate in Marketplace Health Insurance through the ACA continues to climb. A recent report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) found that 19,070 Wyomingites have gained coverage in this 2014-2015 Open Enrollment period.

This report also included data on the impact of advanced premium tax credits on the affordability of the health plans. In Wyoming, 91 percent of those who signed up for coverage qualified for this type of financial assistance to apply to their premiums.

HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell said. "Consumers who sign up in Wyoming are saving \$423 a month on their premiums on average, and in the 37 states using HealthCare.gov nearly 8 in 10 could select a plan with a premium of \$100 or less with tax credits."

The average amount of \$423 reduces the cost of premiums by 76 percent for most Marketplace enrollees in Wyoming.

The Open Enrollment deadline is this Sunday on February 15. Consumers can enroll themselves through an online application at healthcare.gov. There are qualified professionals who can assist individuals with their application if the need arises. You can find them by calling 2-1-1.

In Cheyenne, there are two special locations residents can go this weekend for help. Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC) will have in-person assistance available Saturday from 9 am to noon and Sunday from 1 pm to 6 pm in Auditorium A at the CRMC main campus. Residents can also go to Frontier Mall this weekend during mall hours to the store next to Five Guys Burgers and Fries where assisters from HealthWorks are available.

A person who misses the February deadline will have to wait until the next Open Enrollment period. Waiting for the next Open Enrollment period will delay their coverage start date until 2016. To read the full U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report visit:

http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2015/MarketPlaceEnrollment/APTC/ib_APTC.pdf

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