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**Marketplace Enrollment is Consistently Strong in Wyoming**

*A total of 17,029 Wyomingites have signed up for health coverage in the Marketplace*

The number of Wyoming residents enrolling in Marketplace health plans remains strong for the second month in a row. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, 8,009 more Wyomingites enrolled between December 15 and January 9.

These numbers reflect people who have enrolled for the first time, those that have re-enrolled and changed plans and those automatically re-enrolled on December 18. Nationally, the numbers show that 6.8 million Americans have enrolled since the Marketplace opened on November 15.

The Marketplace can enroll people online, on the phone or in-person with a certified application counselor (CAC) or navigator. Beth Skidmore works as the one and only CAC at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Health Clinic in Casper. As of January 2, she has helped 230 people by answering their questions or assisting them with their applications.

“I think the numbers for enrollment are fantastic. I think a lot more people are enrolling this year because of the additional health plan options that are available. A man came in for assistance with a plan he enrolled in last year that had a \$246 monthly premium. We visited the online Marketplace to find either the same plan or a similar plan, and found it this year for less than \$100.”

Beth Skidmore will be assisting Casper residents at the *2015 Business to Business Expo* on February 5, and at the UW Wyoming Family Practice Clinic on February 3 and 10. In addition you can find her at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Health Clinic.

Open Enrollment continues until February 15. It’s recommended that consumers not wait until the last minute to enroll. Last year Wyoming’s assisters had difficulty giving help to all that needed it because many chose to come for assistance within the last few days.

You can find the nearest in-person assister in Wyoming by calling 211. For more information on signing up for Marketplace insurance, including what documents you will need, visit [wypca.org](http://wypca.org).

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