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OPEN ENROLLMENT EXTENDED UNTIL DEC. 22 ONE WEEK ADDED TO ENROLL IN 2018 HEALTH, DENTAL COVERAGE

BALTIMORE (DEC. 13, 2017) – Open enrollment through Maryland Health Connection has been extended until Friday, Dec. 22 to choose a plan for health coverage to begin Jan. 1, 2018, with expanded call center hours through next week.

Individuals can apply at MarylandHealthConnection.gov or through the “Enroll MHC” mobile app available free in the App Store (iOS) and the Google Play Store (Android).

Also, hundreds of insurance brokers and navigators around the state can help Marylanders apply for financial help and enroll in a plan. Their locations and contact information are available at MarylandHealthConnection.gov or through a GPS-enabled locator tool on the app.

Marylanders may enroll by phone toll-free at 1-855-642-8572 (TTY: 1-855-642-8573) as well. Maryland Health Connection offers assistance in more than 200 languages, as well as TTY services for the deaf and hard of hearing.

For the coming week, the call center will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Friday, Dec. 15; from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17; and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 through Friday, Dec. 22, the final day of open enrollment for 2018 coverage.

“While enrollments have been very strong so far this year, we want to ensure that everyone in Maryland in need of 2018 health coverage has additional time to shop and enroll,” said Dr. Howard S. Haft, interim executive director for the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, which administers Maryland Health Connection.

“We thank our partner insurance carriers and our army of consumer assisters at this busy time for helping us add an extra week to open enrollment,” said Michele S. Eberle, chief operating officer who will begin next Monday as the new executive director for MHBE.

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About the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange: The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE), a public corporation and independent unit of state government established in 2011, administers Maryland Health Connection.

About Maryland Health Connection: Maryland Health Connection (MHC) is the state-based marketplace for Marylanders to shop and enroll in health insurance, as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid. It is the only place where Marylanders can access financial help such as tax credits to make coverage more affordable.

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