



Media Release

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MARYLANDERS CAN GET FREE HELP ENROLLING FOR HEALTH COVERAGE AT STATEWIDE EVENTS DEC. 7-15

FREE, IN-PERSON HELP AVAILABLE AT LAST CHANCE EVENTS

BALTIMORE (Nov. 14, 2019) - Maryland Health Connection will hold nearly 20 "Last Chance" events throughout the state during the final week of open enrollment Dec. 7-15 to provide free help enrolling in health coverage. Marylanders can enroll in health and dental coverage until Dec. 15 through Maryland Health Connection, the state's health insurance marketplace.

At the free "Last Chance" events, certified health insurance navigators will help Marylanders sign up for a health plan and understand their coverage options and financial help available. Assistance also is available in Spanish.

Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or the Enroll MHC mobile app to browse plans, compare coverage and costs, and enroll.

The fall open enrollment is for private health and dental plans only. People who have coverage through Medicaid will receive a notice when it's time to renew; enrollment for Medicaid is all year for eligible Marylanders.

Health plan rates have dropped by an average of 23 percent the past two years. New this year, Value Plans feature lower deductibles and increased access to primary care, mental health care, and generic drugs before deductibles apply. Value plans are designed to lower consumers' outof-pocket costs for the health care services the majority of people use most frequently.

Besides the events, there are several ways for consumers to enroll through Dec. 15 for coverage that starts Jan. 1, 2020. The website and mobile app are available at 5 a.m. daily. Also, more than 700 trained brokers and consumer assisters are available to help at 100+ locations throughout Maryland. Enrollment locations are listed on the website – or even searchable by the GPS locator on the Enroll MHC mobile app. Or you can call 1-855-642-8572 toll-free from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, with additional extended hours in December. Help is available in more than 200 languages.

To learn more about 2020 health insurance plans and prices, Marylanders can visit <u>MarylandHealthConnection.gov</u> today. To find free, in-person help at an upcoming event, visit <u>MarylandHealthConnection.gov/LastChance</u>.

County	Location and Address	Date and Time
Allegany County	AHEC West 39 Baltimore St. Cumberland, MD 21502	Sunday, Dec. 15 10 a.m4:30 p.m.
Anne Arundel County	Anne Arundel Community College CADE Building 101 College Parkway Arnold, MD 21012	Sunday, Dec. 15 11 a.m4 p.m.
Baltimore City	Baltimore City Community College Fine Arts Center 2901 Liberty Heights Ave. Baltimore, MD 21215	Saturday, Dec. 14 10 a.m4 p.m.
Baltimore County	HealthCare Access Maryland Reisterstown Enrollment Center 523 Main St. Reisterstown, MD 21136	Saturday, Dec. 14 9 a.m3 p.m.
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Calvert County	Calvert Library Southern Branch 13920 H.G. Trueman Road Solomons, MD 20688	Saturday, Dec. 7 9:30 a.m2:30 p.m.
Carroll County	Access Carroll 10 Distillery Drive, Suite 200 Westminster, MD 21157	Saturday, Dec. 14 9 a.m1 p.m.
Cecil County	Elkton Library 301 Newark Ave. Elkton, MD 21921	Wednesday, Dec. 4 5:30-8 p.m.
Cecil County	Perryville Library 500 Coudon Ave. Perryville, MD 21903	Saturday, Dec. 14 10:30 a.m12:30 p.m.
Charles County	Seedco 3 Post Office Road, Suite 212 Waldorf, MD 20602	Saturday, Dec. 7 9 a.m3 p.m.

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Frederick County	Frederick County Centro Hispano 1080 W. Patrick St., Suite 4 Frederick, MD 21703	Saturday, Dec. 14 9 a.mnoon
Garrett County	Garrett College Special Events Center (Old Gym) 687 Mosser Road McHenry, MD 21541	Saturday, Dec. 14 10 a.m4 p.m.
Harford County	Bel Air Library 100 Pennsylvania Ave. Bel Air, MD 21014	Saturday, Dec. 7 10:30 a.m4 p.m.
Howard County	Howard County Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. Columbia, MD 21045	Saturday, Dec. 14 10 a.m4 p.m.
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Montgomery County	Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services 8818 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910	Saturday, Dec. 7 9 a.m3 p.m.
Montgomery County	Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown, MD 20874	Saturday, Dec. 7 9 a.m3 p.m.
Prince George's County	Department of Social Services 425 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	Saturday, Dec. 7 10 a.m2 p.m.
Queen Anne's	Centreville Library 121 Commerce St. Centreville, MD 21617	Tuesday, Dec. 10 4-7 p.m.
Somerset County	Somerset County Health Department 8928 Sign Post Road Westover, MD 21871	Friday, Dec. 13 4-8 p.m.
St. Mary's County	St. Mary's Library 21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Blvd. Lexington Park, MD 20653	Saturday, Dec. 14 1-4 p.m.
Talbot County	Talbot County Public Library	Saturday, Dec. 7

	100 W. Dover St. Easton, MD 21601	9:30 a.m12:30 p.m.
Washington County	Downtown Library 100 S. Potomac St. Hagerstown, MD 21740	Saturday, Dec. 14 10:30 a.m4:30 p.m.
Wicomico County	Lower Shore American Job Center 31901 Tri-County Way Salisbury, MD 21804	Saturday, Dec. 14 9 a.m4 p.m.
Worcester County	Berlin Health Center 9730 Healthway Drive Berlin, MD 21811	Sunday, Dec. 15 10 a.m3 p.m.

People who would like to apply should bring the following:

- Birthdates and general information about you and your family members who also are applying for health coverage
- Social Security numbers (or document numbers for any legal immigrants who need insurance)
- Policy numbers for any current health insurance
- Employer and income information for everyone in your family (for example, from pay stubs, W-2 forms or wage and tax statements)
- Information about any job-related health insurance available to your family

Nine out of 10 people who enrolled through Maryland Health Connection last year received financial help. Consumers may find their cost of coverage in 2020 is similar to or even less than this year.

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

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

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