

Media Release

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MARYLANDERS CAN GET FREE, EXPERT HELP ENROLLING IN HEALTH COVERAGE

STATEWIDE GET CONNECTED CALL-IN EVENTS NOV. 6-15
TO KICK OFF OPEN ENROLLMENT

Marylanders may enroll Nov. 1-Dec. 15 for 2021 private health plans

BALTIMORE (Oct. 20, 2020) - A week of kickoff events to help people get free assistance enrolling assistance by phone for Maryland Health Connection will be held Nov. 6-15.

Open enrollment begins Nov. 1 for Marylanders to enroll in health and dental coverage through Maryland Health Connection, the state's health insurance marketplace. Open enrollment ends Dec. 15.

Certified health insurance navigators will be ready to help Marylanders via phone to sign up for a health plan and understand their coverage options and financial help. Assistance also is available in Spanish.

Besides these phone events, consumers may enroll online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov, through the free "Enroll MHC" mobile app, or by calling 1-855-642-8572 toll-free from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. Help is available in more than 200 languages. Also, more than 700 trained brokers and navigators are available to help **throughout Maryland for the entire six-week open enrollment**. The open enrollment period is for private health and dental plans only. People who have coverage through Medicaid will receive a notice when it's time to renew. Those who qualify for Medicaid may enroll in it any time of year.

To learn more about 2021 health insurance plans and prices, Marylanders can visit marylandhealthconnection.gov/find-help/ to find free help.

County	How to Get Connected	Date and Time
Anne Arundel, Baltimore City,	HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM)	Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick and Howard	410-500-4710 or toll free 855-288-3667 Make an appointment by Nov. 13.	
Allegany, Garrett and Washington	Area Health Education Center (AHEC) West 888-202-0212 Call to get connected to a navigator.	Nov. 14 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester	Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program 855-445-5540 Call to get connected to a navigator via phone or a virtual meeting.	Nov. 6, 4-8 p.m. Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Prince George's	Prince George's Health Connect 301-927-4500 Call in to get connected to a navigator.	Nov. 10 4 -5:30 p.m.
Montgomery	Montgomery County Health Connection 240-777-1815 Call to get connected to a navigator or make an appointment.	Nov. 7 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Cecil, Caroline, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Talbot, and Queen Anne's	Seedco 866-492-6057 Call to get connected to a navigator.	Nov. 14 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's	Seedco South 855-339-3007 Call to get connected to a navigator.	Nov. 14 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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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.

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 and other assistance programs. It is the only place where Marylanders can access financial help such as tax credits to make coverage more affordable.