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MARYLANDERS HAVE JUST 10 DAYS TO GET
HEALTH COVERAGE STARTING FEB. 1
Enroll in a health plan by Jan. 15

(BALTIMORE) — Marylanders can enroll in a 2022 health plan and get savings through Maryland Health Connection. until Jan. 15, 2022, for coverage beginning Feb. 1.

"We encourage all Marylanders to get their COVID vaccine, including their booster if they are eligible. All COVID vaccines are free," said Michele Eberle, executive director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. "Because the virus is unpredictable, the next best thing you can do is get a health plan so you can be prepared for whatever happens. Give yourself the peace of mind that comes with having health insurance. Now is not the time to leave your health to chance."

New federal and state laws offer financial help for those who did not qualify in the past. The state subsidy lowers costs for young adults ages 18-34. This enrollment period is for private health plans only. Those who qualify for Medicaid may enroll any time of year.

Shop and enroll online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov or with our mobile app. For free help from a navigator or broker, visit https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/find-help/ or call Maryland Health Connection at 855-642-8572.

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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.