

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Affordable Health Care Assistance Services



MARKETPLACE INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY

Health plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace are offered by private insurance companies during a specified open enrollment period.

By filling out a Marketplace application, you can find out if you qualify for a lower cost for your health insurance based on your income. You can only purchase a health care plan from the Marketplace or make changes to your current plan purchased from the Marketplace during the open enrollment period unless you have a qualifying life event.

Next Open Enrollment Period is November 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

Marketplace qualifying life events:

- Getting married
- Having, adopting or placement of a child or children
- Loss of other health care coverage
- Loss of coverage due to job loss or divorce, loss of eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP, expiration of COBRA or a health plan being decertified.
- Those already enrolled in Marketplace coverage, having a change in income or household status that affects eligibility for tax credits or cost-sharing reductions

These events do not count as loss of coverage and are not qualifying life events:

- Voluntarily quitting other coverage, or being terminated for not paying you premiums
- Losing coverage that is not minimum essential coverage

Most special enrollment periods last 60 days from the date of the qualifying life event.

TO APPLY OR RE-APPLY FOR MEDICAID

The State of Ohio has expanded Medicaid to include those up to 138% of the poverty level. There is no limited enrollment period for Medicaid – which means if you qualify, you can enroll in Medicaid at any time. If you need assistance, CHS has staff available to help you apply or re-apply for Medicaid.

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