

Communicators Guide: Open Enrollment Period

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PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

Dear Partner,

With Open Enrollment underway, I want to share some information about Get Covered New Jersey, the State's Official Health Insurance Marketplace.

This year, there are more opportunities than ever before to receive financial assistance in accessing health care – thanks to both the State's investment in making health coverage more affordable, as well as support from the Biden-Harris Administration.

9 in 10 New Jerseyans enrolling in coverage will be eligible to receive financial support through Get Covered New Jersey, and many residents pay \$10—or less—per month.

Our Administration is grounded in the belief that health care is a basic human right. That is exactly why we opened our own health insurance marketplace three years ago to improve access to coverage and care. Hundreds of thousands of residents have already obtained health insurance through Get Covered New Jersey, and the overwhelming majority of enrollees have benefited from state and federal savings.

We are proud of our work and would not have gotten here without the support of many partners that are committed to ensuring New Jerseyans have access to critical health care services and cannot be denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition.

Open Enrollment runs until January 31st, 2024, and we need to make sure that as many people as possible get the coverage they need.

I want to personally thank you for the work you are doing, and that we will do together, to make sure every New Jerseyan gets the quality, affordable health coverage they deserve.

Sincerely.

Philip D. Murphy Governor



- 1. Open Enrollment is here don't delay, get covered now! The Open Enrollment Period for Get Covered New Jersey runs November 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. Open enrollment is the one time of year residents who do not have health insurance through an employer or other program can enroll in a plan.
- 2. **Big savings remain available at more income levels.** Get Covered New Jersey continues to provide record levels of financial help to New Jersey residents. The federal Inflation Reduction Act and expanded state subsidies from the State of New Jersey are making health insurance more affordable at more income levels.
- 3. 9 out of 10 people who enroll qualify for financial help. Get Covered New Jersey is the only place to find financial help to lower the cost of health coverage. Nine out of 10 residents enrolling will qualify for assistance.
- 4. Many pay \$10 a month or less for coverage. Many people receiving financial help will have access to a health plan at a cost of \$10 a month or less, due to historic savings that remain available due to the signing of the federal Inflation Reduction Act and assistance from the State of New Jersey.
- 5. GetCoveredNJ plans offer comprehensive coverage. All plans available through GetCovered.NJ.gov offer comprehensive coverage, cover preventive services, emergency services, prescription drugs, mental health services, prenatal and pediatric care, and more, and no one can be denied due to a pre-existing condition.
- 6. **Free enrollment help is available.** Free, unbiased enrollment assisters are available to help you enroll in a health plan in-person or by phone remotely and assistance is available in a variety of languages, if needed. Find local assistance in your community through the Get Covered New Jersey website: https://nj.gov/getcoverednj/help/local/
- 7. **Being covered protects you from the unexpected.** Health insurance gives you the peace of mind of knowing you're covered if you get sick or injured. Knowing you're covered if something unexpected happens like an accident or illness, is one less thing for you to worry about.
- 8. If you have recently lost NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid coverage, you may qualify to enroll. Per federal law, NJ FamilyCare restarted eligibility reviews as of April 1, which will result in some individuals who are no longer eligible being disenrolled from the program. Individuals who are no longer eligible for NJ FamilyCare because their income is too high may qualify for health insurance through Get Covered New Jersey and may be able to get help paying for premiums.



- 9. If you don't have insurance, you may pay a penalty. It's the law in New Jersey for residents to have health insurance. If you don't have health insurance, you may have to pay a penalty at tax time, so get covered today.
- 10. Get Covered New Jersey is here for your health coverage needs! Get Covered New Jersey is the state's official health insurance marketplace, created for New Jersey, by New Jersey. It was established by the state to improve access to health coverage and care, with an experience tailored for New Jersey residents. Find local assisters to help guide you through the enrollment process, additional information, and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at GetCovered.NJ.gov

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Frequently Asked Questions



What is Get Covered New Jersey?

Get Covered New Jersey is the state's official health insurance marketplace where individuals and families can easily shop for and buy coverage. The marketplace was established by law in 2019, as part of the state's work to improve access to health coverage and care for New Jersey residents and build up the progress made through the Affordable Care Act.

It is the only place you can apply for financial help to lower the cost of your monthly insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs. You can learn if you might qualify for free or low-cost health insurance through NJ FamilyCare, New Jersey's publicly funded health insurance program.

What is an Open Enrollment Period?

Open Enrollment is the yearly period when you can enroll in health insurance. In New Jersey, Open Enrollment for plan year 2024 is November 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024. Open Enrollment is the only time during the year when you can enroll in coverage, unless you experience a major life event, such as marriage, loss of job, moving, or losing health coverage that may qualify you to enroll through a <u>Special Enrollment Period</u>, if you meet certain income standards, or if you qualify for NJ FamilyCare.

Is there financial help available to lower the cost of my plan?

Due to the federal Inflation Reduction Act signed on August 16, 2022, historic levels of state and federal financial help remain available to New Jerseyans for 2024 to lower the cost of health insurance. The State of New Jersey and the federal government are providing savings through subsidies and advanced premium tax credits. This means more people now qualify for more financial assistance. In fact, nine out of 10 people enrolling at Get Covered New Jersey qualify for financial help to lower their costs. Visit our <u>Financial Help page</u> for more information.

I am new to Get Covered New Jersey. Where do I start?

If you don't have coverage or are shopping for Marketplace coverage for the first time, you can go to New Customers. You can find trained experts to help you shop and enroll at Find Local Assistance or go to Customer Service.

If I sign up during Open Enrollment, when will my coverage start?

If you enroll by December 31, your coverage will start January 1. If you enroll in January, your coverage will start February 1. Open Enrollment ends January 31st.

How can I help to get the word out about the benefits of Get Covered New Jersey?

Thank you for your interest! Get Covered New Jersey materials are available for distribution in English and Spanish, and may be printed from our <u>Resources</u> page. Information for brokers and assisters may be found on our website here.

Find more Frequently Asked Questions on the Get Covered New Jersey website.