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FIVE DAYS LEFT TO ENROLL IN ACA INSURANCE TO BE COVERED FOR 2020

This year's Open Enrollment period for Health Insurance Marketplace plans closes Dec. 15

Greenville, N.C. – The deadline for people still needing to enroll in an Affordable Care Act (ACA) health-insurance policy on the Health Insurance Marketplace, or to renew an existing ACA policy, is just days away. Open Enrollment closes at midnight Sunday, Dec. 15.

In the few remaining days of Open Enrollment 2019, Access East Certified Marketplace Navigators are holding three free enrollment events (*gray box, below right*) to assist consumers in choosing the best, most cost-effective health-insurance plan for 2020 for them and their families, and to determine if financial assistance is available to help pay for coverage.

In North Carolina, nine out of 10 people receive help paying for their ACA plans.

With the deadline looming, Cheryl Hallock, Coordinator for the Greenville-based nonprofit Access East's Certified Marketplace Navigators program, urges anyone still needing insurance to "please act quickly."

"This year's local Open Enrollment started out very busy," Hallock noted, "but the number of people meeting with us has begun falling off a little. It concerns me that many people may be waiting till the last minute, and risking not getting signed up for an insurance plan for next year.

"Navigators are impartial," she added. "We are grant-funded, and get no commissions, no matter what insurance plan a person picks."

Appointments are still available for consumers to meet one-on-one with Navigators during Open Enrollment office hours, and at the three final enrollment events.

"I strongly encourage people who have not yet signed up for a plan to contact us immediately," Hallock said.

Consumers can schedule an appointment with a Certified Marketplace Navigator by calling (252) 847-3027, or by visiting www.NCNavigator.net.

Consumers who last year chose a plan *still* need to choose one again this year, or risk being automatically enrolled in a new plan that may not adequately meet their needs.



Cheryl Hallock, Navigator Coordinator, left, with a new ACA enrollee.

LOCAL ENROLLMENT EVENTS

Appointments encouraged; walk-ins welcome.

- ◆ Dec. 13 | Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: *Rocky Mount, Braswell Memorial Library, 727 N. Grace St.*
- ◆ Dec. 14 | Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: *Greenville, Access East, Stanton Square*
- ◆ Dec. 15 | Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: *Greenville, Access East, Stanton Square*

BRING WITH YOU TO ENROLLMENT EVENTS:

1. Social Security numbers for every family member, or document numbers for legal immigrants
2. Employer name(s) and phone number(s)
3. Income information for every member of a household who is working, or who has income and needs coverage
4. Information about any health insurance any household member might have

OFFICE HOURS FOR ASSISTANCE

Navigator assistance is still available this week; walk-ins welcome, but appointments are best to guarantee Navigator availability:

- ◆ Wednesday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.