

Amid record enrollment, ACA marketplace final enrollment deadline approaches for 2023 health coverage

ATLANTA – The Affordable Care Act (ACA) deadline for enrolling in health insurance for 2023 is approaching this **Sunday**, **January 15**. Georgia consumers who want health coverage this year must enroll before midnight on Sunday. Consumers who miss this week's deadline might have to wait until November 1, 2023 when the next open enrollment period begins to shop and enroll.

Since the start of this year's ACA open enrollment period on November 1st, <u>846,000 Georgians</u> have already enrolled in health coverage for 2023. This level of enrollment is unprecedented in Georgia.

New federal policies expanded the ACA's financial help so that thousands more Georgians qualify for lower premiums and other costs in 2023. An estimated 206,000 working Georgians newly qualify for premium discounts because the Biden administration fixed the so-called "family glitch".

"The 'family glitch' will no longer stand between Georgia's working families and the affordable health coverage and care they deserve," said Deanna Williams, health insurance navigator at Georgians for a Healthy Future (GHF). "Even if workers and families have shopped for coverage in previous years, now is the time to come back and see if they newly qualify for financial help."

"Caring for yourself and your family should include getting comprehensive health coverage," said Laura Colbert, Executive Director at GHF. "Every family has their own unique health needs, especially those with LGBTQIA+ members and people living with HIV. Health insurance can help cover your loved one's most important health concerns."

Health plans on <u>healthcare.gov</u> cover the ACA's <u>ten essential health benefits</u>, like prescription drugs, mental health care, emergency visits, and regular check-ups.

Georgians who want health coverage in 2023 can view plans, find out what financial help they qualify for, and enroll at healthcare.gov or 800-318–2596. Consumers may also contact a health insurance navigator if they have questions about health insurance, want help enrolling, or otherwise need assistance with their health insurance:

- Deanna Williams, <u>dwilliams@healthyfuturega.org</u>, 404-772-0223. Located in and serving middle Georgia (Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Putnam, Twiggs, and Wilkinson counties).
- To find other health insurance navigators in Georgia, consumers can visit <u>localhelp.healthcare.gov</u>.

A health insurance navigator is an individual or organization that is trained and able to help consumers, small businesses, and their employees as they look for health coverage options through the Marketplace, including completing eligibility and enrollment forms. These individuals and organizations are required to be unbiased. Their services are free to consumers.

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