

# Open Enrollment TALKING POINTS

- President Biden has ordered a special **HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINNING FEB. 15** to provide coverage to millions of Americans.
- This special open enrollment period will be three months, twice as long as recent open enrollment periods, **WHICH MEANS SOUTH CAROLINIANS WILL HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 15, 2021 TO SIGN UP FOR 2021 COVERAGE.**
- You can also check your eligibility for Medicaid and/or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which can provide free or low-cost health coverage to you or your family. **MEDICAID AND CHIP DO NOT HAVE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIODS.**
- South Carolina hospitals and health systems are encouraged to **WORK WITH NAVIGATORS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS** to help spread the word and get people covered in 2021.
- Over **200,000 OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO ARE CURRENTLY UNINSURED ARE ELIGIBLE** for Medicaid or Affordable Care Act Marketplace subsidies.
- **MANY SOUTH CAROLINIANS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR \$0 PREMIUM BRONZE PLANS** on the Marketplace after their subsidy, costing them nothing.
- **90% OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE ON THE MARKETPLACE RECEIVE A TAX CREDIT SUBSIDY.** The average tax credit subsidy in 2019 was \$576 per month.
- **214,031 SOUTH CAROLINIANS PURCHASED A PLAN ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE IN 2019.**
- Health insurance on the Marketplace is **GUARANTEED TO COVER PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS AND PRESCRIPTIONS, PROVIDES ESSENTIAL BENEFITS, AND CANNOT HAVE A LIFETIME CAP.** Other short-term plans sold off the Marketplace will provide far less generous coverage.
- **CERTIFIED BROKERS AND NAVIGATORS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST FOLKS IN GETTING SIGNED UP FOR COVERAGE.** Go to [signupsc.org](https://signupsc.org) for more information.



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