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## **Increased Number of Illinoisans Choose Plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace for 2022 Coverage**

*Open Enrollment to End January 15 for the 2022 Plan Year*

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill., January 6, 2022** – The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) is pleased to announce that the number of Illinoisans who chose a plan on the Health Insurance Marketplace in December 2021 for coverage in the 2022 plan year was at an all-time high. Between November 1 and December 15, 2021, 310,489 Illinois residents selected a plan through [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov); more than 19,000 consumers than the previous plan year.

Open Enrollment for the 2022 plan year ends January 15, 2022 and IPHCA wants to remind consumers to shop for, and enroll in, a health plan on the Marketplace before the deadline. The numbers released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in December representing enrollments in the first 45 days, reveal an unprecedented number of Illinois consumers choosing plans.

Under the CMS Health Insurance Navigator Program, IPHCA trained 149 navigators at 39 Federally Qualified Health Centers and partner organizations, with more than 80 locations across Illinois in both rural and urban areas. A Health Insurance Navigator is an individual that is trained to help consumers as they look for health coverage options through the Marketplace, including completing eligibility, plan comparison and enrollment forms. These individuals are required to be unbiased and their services are free to consumers.

For those looking for coverage, Illinois' marketplace, Get Covered Illinois, through the Illinois Department of Insurance, is a trusted partner. It provides consumers a good place to determine if they qualify for coverage by simply answering two questions regarding family size and household income. The Get Covered Illinois estimator tool will indicate if a family qualifies for Illinois Medicaid or the Marketplace, and provides the link to enroll. Access the website at [getcoveredillinois.gov](https://www.getcoveredillinois.gov).

To learn more about Open Enrollment and the Marketplace, listen to the IPHCA Health Talks Spotlight Podcast in which Brenda Delgado, CMS Office of Program Operations & Local Engagement, explains more about how to get covered. To listen to the podcast, visit the IPHCA [Soundcloud site](https://www.soundcloud.com/iphca). To enroll visit [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or call (800) 318-2596.

The open enrollment period will run through January 15, 2022 with coverage starting February 1, 2022.

**About Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)** – IPHCA is a non-profit trade association that represents community health centers throughout the state. Illinois' 53 community health centers provide comprehensive, integrated primary care including medical, behavioral, and oral health care to nearly 1.5 million patients annually across nearly 400 service sites in underserved rural, urban, and suburban communities.

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