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## Increased Number of Illinoisans Choose Plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace for 2023 Coverage

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill., February 21, 2023** – The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) is pleased to announce that the number of Illinoisans who chose a health plan during the 10<sup>th</sup> Open Enrollment of the Health Insurance Marketplace, increased six percent over last plan year. According to a press release by [CMS](#) 3,332,460 Illinois residents selected a plan through [Healthcare.gov](#). It is also important to note that 2023 enrollment shows a 13% increase (39.5K plans) over the 2020 (pre-COVID-19) plan year.

Under the CMS Health Insurance Navigator Program, IPHCA trained more than 200 navigators at 41 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and partner organizations, at more than 100 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.

Now that Open Enrollment is over the Navigator teams have shifted their attention to the Special Enrollment Period (SEP), which is the time between annual Open Enrollments. Individuals and families may qualify for an SEP if they have experienced certain life events, including losing health coverage, moving, getting married, having a baby, or adopting a child, or if their household income is below a certain amount. Additionally, Health Care and Family Services (HFS) announced that they will begin Medicaid Renewals on May 1, 2023. This means if someone has Illinois Medicaid, it is important that HFS (or the local Medicaid office) has the most current contact information. Addresses can be updated [here](#). Illinois Medicaid consumers can also update their contact information on [Mange My Case](#). If someone loses coverage through Illinois Medicaid, during the renewal process, they will qualify for a SEP with the Health Insurance Marketplace.

For those looking for coverage, Illinois' Health Insurance Marketplace, [Get Covered Illinois](#), a department of the Illinois Department of Insurance, is a trusted partner. GetCoveredIllinois.com provides consumers a good place to determine if they qualify for an SEP or for health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace or Illinois Medicaid by 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. Illinois residents can also search for in-person assistance in their community through the [Get Covered Connector Tool](#). A Health Insurance Navigator, is there to help to maintain current coverage or to help transition to a new plan if necessary.

**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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