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Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment deadline is February 15

CHARLEVOIX – Don't have health insurance, or know someone who isn't covered? Local residents without health coverage are strongly encouraged to enroll via the Health Insurance Marketplace before the February 15 deadline.

Nearly 80% of enrollees could be covered for \$100 or less per month, according to the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](http://www.hhs.gov).

The Health Insurance Marketplace, www.HealthCare.gov, is a federal website where those without affordable health insurance may learn about available plans and select coverage from a list of options. The Marketplace helps people enroll in a high-quality insurance plan online, by phone, or with a paper application. All plans cover essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventive care.

For those with enrollment questions, Navigators and Certified Application Counselors at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan can help. They are trained to assist clients with the Health Insurance Marketplace, as well as the Healthy Michigan Plan, Healthy Kids, and MICHild.

“No matter what your budget is, there's a plan out there for you,” said Pat Borowiak, a Regional Lead Navigator at the Health Department. Although the federal deadline is less than two weeks away, there are other coverage options available year-round. Borowiak encourages people to contact the Health Department to learn about affordable healthcare programs for which they may be eligible. The Health Department can also direct callers to local Navigators and Certified Application Counselors in other parts of Northern Michigan.

Visit www.HealthCare.gov to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace. Call the Health Department at **(800) 432-4121** for enrollment assistance or for information about affordable insurance programs.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties.