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Prince George's County Leads The State in Special Enrollments for Health Coverage

LARGO, MD—Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced today that the County leads the entire State in Maryland Health Connection (MHC) enrollments following two special enrollment periods. MHC is the State's official health insurance marketplace; the special enrollment periods which began in late February for tax filers and in March for COVID-19 ended on Wednesday, July 15.

"For us this is remarkable," says Alsobrooks. "It indicates that Prince Georgians recognize the importance of getting covered." Of the 58,000 Marylanders that enrolled in health coverage, nearly 11,000 came from Prince George's County.

Says Alsobrooks, "To live a good life, and be able to overcome health challenges, we must have access to health care—especially during this public health emergency. Health insurance provides that access. I am proud that our residents know this and are acting on it."

In February 2020, the Maryland Health Insurance Easy Enrollment program was launched as the first of its kind in the nationwide. Tax filers were able to indicate if they had health insurance. The information was shared with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE), the parent of MHC, who contacted tax filers to make them aware of the insurance opportunity.

On March 16, the marketplace also opened a special enrollment period in response to the coronavirus pandemic. With support from Governor Larry Hogan and participating insurance providers, Maryland held one of the longest special enrollment periods in the nation. "Maryland Health Connection was able to respond quickly to this global crisis and help our Maryland families get the health coverage they need," says Michele Eberle, Executive Director of the MHBE.



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Health insurance in Prince George’s County is provided through Prince George’s County Health Connect (PGC Health Connect), a program of Prince George’s County Department of Social Services (PGCDSS). PGC Health Connect is one of eight Connector Entities in Maryland. The program’s Navigators, many of whom are bilingual, provide guidance to applicants and are able to enroll residents into health insurance by telephone.

Prince George’s County residents who have lost health coverage due to job loss or have experienced other major life changes may still be eligible to enroll in health insurance within 60 days of the loss of coverage. Medicaid enrollment is ongoing throughout the year.

To explore health insurance options to “Get Covered,” call PGC Health Connect, Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 4 pm at (301) 927-4500, (240) 719-2167, or the health hotline at We Are CASA at (301) 270-8432 and (240) 270-1318. Bilingual navigators are available to assist consumers directly over the telephone.

To enroll online, visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or call (855) 642-8572 from 8 am to 6 pm on weekdays. The free “Enroll MHC” mobile app is also available for downloading.

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Maryland Health Benefit Exchange: (MHBE) is a public corporation and independent unit of the state government. It was established in 2011 in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) and is responsible for the administration of Maryland Health Connection.

Maryland Health Connection: One of every six Marylanders receive their health coverage through Maryland Health Connection (MHC), the state-based health insurance marketplace. Residents can compare and enroll in health insurance as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid or financial help with private plans.

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