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**Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Starts Nov. 1**

*Visit the Washtenaw Health Plan to find the plan that's best for you*

YPSILANTI, Mich., Nov. 1, 2018 – The Health Insurance Marketplace will be open for enrollment from Nov. 1 through Dec. 15, 2018. Schedule your free appointment with the Washtenaw Health Plan at 734-544-3030 for help understanding and applying for Marketplace insurance. Walk-ins are also welcome Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm at 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti.

“We want to assist anyone who is still uninsured, who lost coverage, or who needs help re-enrolling for 2019,” says Krista Nordberg, director of enrollment and advocacy for the Washtenaw Health Plan.

Around 10,000 Washtenaw County residents were uninsured in 2017. Before the first Marketplace Open Enrollment in 2013, over 27,500 residents were uninsured.

Plans bought during this Open Enrollment period will start Jan. 1, 2019.

If you are already insured through the Marketplace (also known as HealthCare.gov, Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare), you should update your information and make sure your current plan is still the best one for you, your family and your budget. Visit your Marketplace account at [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) or get help locally at the Washtenaw Health Plan.

“We want to help people find the plan that’s best for them,” says Nordberg. “We have seen changes in premiums every year, but the Advanced Premium Tax Credits keep the cost affordable.”

All Marketplace plans must cover treatment for pre-existing medical conditions, doctors’ services, hospital care, prescription drug coverage, pregnancy and childbirth, mental health services, preventative care, birth control coverage, and more.

The Washtenaw Health Plan can also help people understand and apply for Medicaid, the Washtenaw Health Plan and employer insurance. Spanish-speaking and Arabic-speaking staff members, as well as phone interpreters for other languages, are available. For more information about the Washtenaw Health Plan and health care coverage options, visit [healthcarecounts.org](http://healthcarecounts.org). Learn how to prepare for enrollment with their recent [blog post](#).

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The Washtenaw Health Plan works directly with people to assess their eligibility for health coverage and to secure coverage. Visit [healthcarecounts.org](http://healthcarecounts.org) or call 734-544-3030. Walk in for help Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. Spanish-speaking and Arabic-speaking staff members available. WHP is located the Washtenaw County Human Services building at 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti.