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NH Navigator Program Offering Health Insurance Assistance During Open Enrollment

CONCORD, NH – With Open Enrollment beginning November 1, 2024, and ending January 15, 2025, NH Navigator, an initiative of the Foundation for Healthy Communities, is pleased to announce free health insurance navigation services to New Hampshire residents who need to apply for and enroll in health insurance through the Federal Marketplace, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The Foundation for Healthy Communities (FHC) was awarded the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Federally Facilitated Exchange Grant. This 5-year grant will provide \$1.5 million in the first year to assist consumers across the state with enrollment in the federal Marketplace, Medicaid and the CHIP. Since 2021, FHC has been one of the partner organizations supporting Marketplace enrollment, but with this new grant, there will be a significant expansion for the program, called NH Navigator. Navigators offer free assistance to people exploring health coverage options through healthcare.gov, from reviewing available plans to assisting with eligibility and enrollment forms, and post-enrollment services such as using their coverage to get care. Navigators can also assist people in helping enroll in or renew Medicaid CHIP coverage.

"Quality health insurance is vital for the health and well-being of people throughout New Hampshire. The Federal Marketplace has many options for consumers and premium tax credits that make plans affordable for most people. I would strongly encourage consumers who have questions about acquiring health insurance to call 1-877-211-NAVI or visit <u>acanavigator.com/nh/home,</u>" said Adrian Jasion, Director, NH Navigator. Quality health insurance is vital to ensure people get the care they need, as well as be protected from unaffordable health care costs without coverage. To request an in-person visit for assistance in identifying the right insurance option, consumers can email Jasion at <u>ajasion@healthynh.org</u>.

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