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**Community
Health Centers**
of Sarasota County

December 6, 2016

Need to renew or get health coverage for 2017?

Open enrollment ends January 31 - Enrollment events during December

SARASOTA, FL – The deadline for enrollment in the Health Insurance Exchange for coverage in 2017 is January 31, 2017. Enrollment is easy and most people qualify for monthly savings. Certified Application Counselors and Navigators are available to assist you with understanding your 2017 health coverage options at Health Insurance Enrollment events during December.

SARASOTA

Friday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Waldemere Medical Plaza
1921 Waldemere St., Suite 610

VENICE

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Jacaranda Public Library
4143 Woodmere Park Boulevard



Reservations are strongly encouraged to ensure adequate staffing. Call 941-961-8575.

A full schedule of no-cost public events where uninsured individuals can get free help in reviewing health plan options and cost estimates in less than 10 minutes is available at <http://www.sarasotahealthinsurancemarketplace.com/schedule.htm>

A local assessment showed 46 percent of residents 18-44 years old lack health care coverage. This is an opportunity for these residents to get needed coverage.



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When you apply for coverage or renew on the Health Insurance Marketplace, you will need to provide some information about you and your household. This includes income, any insurance you currently have, and some additional items.

Please bring the following to the enrollment events:

- ID information for all members of your family (age, Social Security numbers, or legal permanent resident/green card or visa numbers.)
- Income for all family members because you will have to estimate your 2017 family income to get your financial assistance (pay stub or tax forms, or other documents showing income.)
- Information about insurance offered through your job or your spouse's job, even if you do not take it, including how much it costs for a single plan.

For more local information, visit www.sarasotahealth.org or call 941-861-2900.

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View the complete policy at www.scgov.net/ADA/Pages/default.aspx

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