

General OE5 Talking Points

OVERVIEW

- **The fifth open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) ends December 15.**
- **During this open enrollment period, uninsured North Carolinians are able to select plans that fit their needs and budgets on the Health Insurance Marketplace.**

FIVE FAST FACTS for OE5:

Five things North Carolinians need to know about Open Enrollment Period Five:

- 1. The Affordable Care Act is still the law.** Despite widespread confusion, the Affordable Care Act is still the law. North Carolinians still have the opportunity to enroll or reenroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.
- 2. There's a shorter enrollment period.** North Carolinians should not procrastinate. This year's enrollment period has been cut in half. North Carolina residents only have until December 15 to choose individual health insurance plans for coverage in 2018.
 - Schedule an appointment today with an in-person assister to find out your options. You can also visit ncnavigator.net or call (855) 733-3711 to schedule a free appointment with a certified in-person assister to guide you through the process.
- 3. Financial Assistance is available.** Health insurance affordability continues to be a concern for many North Carolinians. The good news is that financial assistance is available to help people pay their monthly premiums, and to cover some out-of-pocket costs. In fact, 9 in 10 North Carolinians who picked a plan in the last open enrollment cycle received financial help to make their plans more affordable.
 - Help to pay premiums and out-of-pocket costs is still available. In fact, 9 in 10 North Carolinians who picked a plan in the last open enrollment cycle received financial help to assist with the cost of coverage.
- 4. New plans and new prices are available:** Plans and prices change every year. The open enrollment period is an opportunity for North Carolinians to select plans that meet their needs.
- 5. In-person enrollment assistance is available:** Free in-person assisters are available throughout the state to help North Carolinians enroll or re-enroll. Call 1-855-733-3711 or visit ncnavigator.net to schedule an appointment. North

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