

Healthcare Coverage & Answers

Commissioner Sours,

As income tax season goes into full swing, I want to reach out to you about a program designed to assist Virginians with questions about healthcare coverage. This will be particularly helpful for your personal income tax assistance efforts. [Enroll Virginia!](#) a *nonprofit effort funded under state and federal grants* to **provide assistance enrolling in and offering healthcare coverage** under Medicaid, FAMIS, and/or the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act. We also help **Virginians obtain exemptions** from penalties and appealing Federal Marketplace decisions.

Enroll Virginia is a nonpartisan, community-based effort to educate all Virginians about the new health insurance marketplace and provide free, unbiased assistance with the new application and enrollment process. My region is western Virginia from Frederick and Clarke Counties up the Shenandoah Valley to Rockbridge and Allegheny Counties, which includes your jurisdiction.

For many of the uninsured, this will be the first time they will apply for health coverage, select a health plan, and use coverage to obtain services. As a result, many Virginians will need help understanding their new health insurance options and applying for tax credits through the Marketplace. Providing one-on-one assistance through efforts like Enroll Virginia will be critical to educating small businesses and individuals about the new options and helping them enroll.

Trained Navigators and In-person Assisters are able to work directly with and provide your constituents online access to the Marketplace so that they can better understand their options and make informed decisions without any pressure. While we can and will not recommend any option, we will show them how their options provide coverage.

Based upon the residence of anyone you refer to us, I will make every effort to connect them with the nearest qualified assistance. Trained personnel are located throughout the region and a number of enrollment events are scheduled between now and the **15 February enrollment deadline**. There are In-person Assisters located in both Winchester and Shenandoah County.

If you or any of your constituents have any questions or require assistance, I am available. I may be contacted by responding to this **e-mail** or by **phone at 540-324-8040**.

Regards,

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