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First Deadline for Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Approaching

Dec. 15 is last chance to enroll in coverage that starts Jan. 1, Milwaukee Public Library sites to offer enrollment support

MILWAUKEE – With just one day remaining to purchase health insurance if you want coverage to begin January 1, 2016, Mayor Tom Barrett and the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will continue a joint effort with the Milwaukee Enrollment Network and Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to offer support in accessing the online Health Insurance Marketplace at select MPL branches. Health insurance marketplace enrollment continues through January 31, 2016.

“The Milwaukee Enrollment Network and its partners, including Milwaukee Public Libraries and City of Milwaukee Health Department, are continuing a great collaboration this enrollment period,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “As individuals continue to renew their health care coverage or explore new options available to them, we are happy to offer those who need assistance accessing the online Marketplace a friendly place to go with trained staff who can answer their questions.”

Covering Wisconsin, a partner within the Milwaukee Enrollment Network, is offering enrollment assistance at four Milwaukee Public Library branches during select hours throughout the 2015-2016 open enrollment period. Prior to the December 15 deadline, individuals can receive assistance at:

Monday, Dec. 14	4-7 p.m.	Center Street Library (2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.)
Tuesday, Dec. 15	4:30-7:30 p.m.	Forest Home Library (1432 W. Forest Home Ave.)

The City of Milwaukee Health Department’s Community Healthcare Access Program also offers enrollment assistance from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. each weekday at its health center locations.

Individuals without health coverage for 2016 risk paying a penalty on their taxes. In 2016, the fee will be \$695 or 2.5% of their income, whichever is higher.

Individuals with questions regarding the Health Insurance Marketplace are encouraged to visit www.healthcare.gov or call (800) 318-2596. For local assistance, area residents can dial 2-1-1 to be connected to an assister in their area.

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