

## Tips on Open Enrollment for Medicaid

Open Enrollment for Medicaid Expansion will be from November 1, 2015 until January 31, 2016. There are several changes that everyone needs to realize.

You will need to re-enroll, not just let the system automatically re-enroll you. This year, Medicaid will be going to Managed Health Plans, if you re-enroll, be sure you choose a plan that your doctor will accept. This is why it is so important to re-enroll yourself and not automatically enroll. It is important that you check all plans they offer to ensure that your doctor/doctors will accept the plan that you choose.

There are 4 different companies that will be offering coverage to Medicaid recipients, too begin, you will receive the same paper card, after a month or so, you will receive a plastic card that is good for 1 year.

When you enroll for Medicaid, in a few days, you will receive an enrollment packet that you need to complete along with an instruction letter and brochures for possible insurance companies. If you do not do this, a company will be auto assigned. Your doctor may not accept the company assigned. You will be able to change companies if need arises.

It is mandatory that you immediately report any change of address or income.

Even if you are not required to file taxes, it is mandatory to continue receiving your Medicaid. If you do not qualify for Medicaid and qualify for a subsidy, you must file income tax to ensure that you continue to receive your subsidy.

Remember that if you do not have health insurance, you will be fined.