



A Service of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

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## Nearly 458,000 Marylanders enrolled through Maryland Health Connection in 2014

### *Nearly 24,000 Marylanders gained coverage under Affordable Care Act last month*

BALTIMORE (Oct. 3, 2014) — Nearly 458,000 Marylanders have enrolled in quality and affordable coverage under the Affordable Care Act in 2014. Of these, more than 80,000 have enrolled in private coverage through Maryland Health Connection.

As of Sept. 20, 81,091 individuals have enrolled in qualified health plans.

As of Sept. 29, 376,850 individuals have gained Medicaid coverage in 2014 and remain active in Medicaid. This includes the 95,889 PAC enrollees who were automatically converted on January 1, 2014, to full Medicaid coverage. Compared to August, the September figure represents an increase of 21,569 people enrolled in Medicaid and 2,425 individuals enrolled in qualified health plans in Maryland.

The net increase in Medicaid enrollment as of Sept. 29, 2014, is 262,979, compared to Dec. 31, 2013. This figure takes into account that some individuals who were enrolled in Medicaid later became ineligible due to changes in household, age and income, as well as redeterminations.

Open enrollment for health coverage under the Affordable Care Act for 2015 begins next month. Starting Nov. 9, Marylanders can browse plans at [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov) to see new plans and costs for the coming calendar year. Starting Nov. 15, consumers can get help enrolling in-person, and starting Nov. 19, Marylanders can go online and sign up from home using a new, easier-to-use website at [MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://MarylandHealthConnection.gov).

The open enrollment period for private health coverage in 2015 runs through Feb. 15. Medicaid enrollment continues year-round.

All Marylanders interested in financial help with a plan in 2015 who would like coverage starting Jan. 1, 2015, should visit [www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov) by Dec. 18. Those who received a health plan through Maryland Health Connection in 2014 should visit the website to retain financial assistance, and to shop and compare new plans and costs.

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**About the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange:** The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) is a public corporation and independent unit of the State government established in April 2011 in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). The (MHBE) has a nine-member Board of Trustees that includes the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Insurance

Commissioner and Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission. The MHBE is responsible for the administration of Maryland Health Connection. [www.MarylandHBE.com](http://www.MarylandHBE.com)

**About Maryland Health Connection:** Maryland Health Connection is the state-based health insurance marketplace for individuals, families and small businesses to compare and enroll in health insurance, as well as determine eligibility for Medicaid and other assistance programs, federal tax credits and cost-sharing reductions. Enrollment in qualified health plans through Maryland Health Connection begins in November 2014, with insurance coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2015. For more information visit the website at [www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov](http://www.MarylandHealthConnection.gov). Additional information about Maryland Health Connection, the enrollment process or selecting coverage can be found on MHC social media channels, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/MarylandConnect>; Twitter, <https://twitter.com/marylandconnect> and YouTube, <http://www.youtube.com/marylandconnect>.