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PRESS RELEASE

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS **ASSISTING AREA RESIDENTS WITH OPEN ENROLLMENT**

November 19, 2024, Saltville, Va. – The Open Enrollment period is currently open, and Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems has Certified Application Counselors who can assist area residents to understand their insurance options.

From November 1st 2024 - January 15th 2025, Open Enrollment for 2024 is now available for people to enroll in a health insurance plan through the Virginia Health Insurance Marketplace (<https://www.marketplace.virginia.gov/>), which was established by the Affordable Care Act and allows consumers to compare health insurance plans based on key factors including providers, coverage and price. To be eligible, the person must live in the United States, must be a U.S. citizen or national (or be lawfully present), and can't be incarcerated. There are two types of coverage, the health insurance plan with tax credits and the Healthcare Coverage for Adults. Both types are based on tax household information. All plans cover essential benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventative services.

At each of the four Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems sites in Saltville, Va. Tazewell, Va., Meadowview, Va. and Bristol, Va., there are Certified Application Counselors that can assist area residents in navigating the Health Insurance Marketplace for residents by assisting in the application process. Other plans are available though, if the person does not meet the criteria to qualify for Medicaid. Residents can apply for Medicaid outside of the Open Enrollment period, as well.

Certified Application Counsels are also available at all four of Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems sites in Saltville, Va., Tazewell, Va., Meadowview, Va., and Bristol, Va. Monday through Friday during normal business hours. For more information, call 276-496-4492 at the direct extension of the Certified Application Counselor at your community health center. These include: Pattie Campbell - Bristol Community Health Center (Ext 1513), Darian Keesee - Meadowview Community Health Center and Saltville Community Health Center (Ext 1113), Jamie Beavers - Tazewell Community Health Center (Ext 1608).

SVCHS has community health centers in Meadowview, Va., Saltville, Va., Bristol, Va., and Tazewell, Va., along with pediatric services in Bristol, Va. and Tazewell, Va. SVCHS is currently accepting new pediatric patients. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 276-496-4492.

OVERVIEW

Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems consists of a group of non-profit community healthcare centers, a Migrant Health Network, Substance Abuse Recovery Program and Southwest Virginia Regional Dental Center established to improve access to healthcare services by providing comprehensive, patient centered care to the communities we serve. SVCHS is a member of the Virginia Community Healthcare Association and is a Joint Commission accredited institution. SVCHS is governed by a community board and our clinics are not-for-profit community health centers.

MISSION

The mission of SVCHS is to be a community health care partnership serving the people of this region with compassionate, affordable, patient-centered primary and comprehensive care. Our vision is to provide compassionate

patient-centered, affordable healthcare to all patients, nationally recognized for its excellence in all aspects of care. We live by specific guiding principles to ensure we enact our mission and vision.

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