



Health center provides outreach workers for enrollment

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BANDON — This fall, residents of south Coos and north Curry counties can find assistance with health insurance enrollment closer to home.

Coast Community Health Center staff in Bandon now includes Community Health Outreach Workers and enrollment assisters, all of whom are trained to provide free, confidential information about public health insurance coverage for adults and children.

Schedule information and enrollment sessions at Coast Community Health Center in Bandon, 541-347-2529; or at the new outreach office in Port Orford, 541-332-1114. Learn more at coastcommunityhealth.org/insurance-enrollment-assistance.

The open enrollment period lasts from Nov. 1, 2015 to Jan. 31, 2016.

Oregonians can enroll in private market plans, also called Qualified Health Plans, and find out if they are eligible for financial assistance to make their coverage more affordable. Open enrollment for 2016 coverage closes Jan. 31 for those who do not qualify for Medicaid/CHIP, or choose to enroll in private or employer insurance policies.

The Oregon Health Plan is the state's Medicaid/CHIP program for low-income residents from all walks of life, including adults and children. OHP benefits include primary care visits, mental health care, addiction treatment, dental care and approved prescriptions. OHP enrollment is open year-round.

Application assisters with Coast Community Health Center are trained to help individuals and families apply for coverage, or check their eligibility and application status. They can also assist with OHP renewals.

Those who qualify for OHP are required to renew their benefits at least once every 12 months. Application aides at Coast Community Health Center encourage OHP members to watch their mail and complete any renewal paperwork they receive throughout the year. Those who have questions about correspondence regarding their OHP coverage are welcome to contact an application assister for help.

Coast Community Health Center provides caring attention from highly skilled medical professionals. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, the center offers primary health care to residents of Oregon's South Coast in the Bandon clinic and Pirate Wellness Center at Pacific High School. The health center is accepting new patients. Contact staff at 541-347-2529, or visit coastcommunityhealth.org.

The Coast Community Health Center is located at 1010 First St. SE, Suite 110.