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## Help available for Insurance Marketplace

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Certified Application Assister, Lennae Wright, at a community event.

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BANDON — Free health insurance enrollment assistance will continue for another year at Coast Community Health Center in Bandon and in Port Orford.

Enrollment in Oregon Health Plan and Qualified Health Plans through the Insurance Marketplace is available, with certified assisters, thanks to another \$100,000 grant awarded through Oregon Health Authority.

Appointments are available in Port Orford by calling 541-332-1114; or in Bandon at 541-347-2529. The service is free and confidential.

OHP is Oregon's public health insurance plan, or Medicaid, for adults and children. Health Center Outreach and Enrollment Workers can assist OHP members with renewals and help first time members check

their eligibility and sign up. Eligibility is based on several factors including: income, household size, and policies that must be renewed annually.

### **Passage of American Healthcare Act will not eliminate Medicaid**

The House has passed the American Health Care Act, which does make changes to the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, but does not eliminate or remove funding for state's Medicaid programs. Oregon's funding for Oregon Health Plan remains intact, and OHP members remain eligible for all current benefits and services.

### **Renewal and enrollment options**

Although enrolling can be a confusing process, certified application assisters from Coast Community Health Center are available to ease stresses.

“Many members don't have the step-by-step instructions they need to do their renewal by themselves,” said Outreach and Enrollment Worker, Melissa Shrum. According to a statement by the Oregon Health Authority, renewals are sent out monthly to OHP members, many of those notices instruct members to renew online.

In addition to finding help with OHP applications at Coast Community Health Center locations in Bandon and Port Orford, certified assisters will be at local libraries, food banks and other community events. Look for Outreach and Enrollment Workers at these times and locations:

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 20 — Langlois Community Church, 94284 Main St.

10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 23 — Bandon Public Library, 1204 11th S. SW.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, May 26 — Port Orford Public Library, at 1421 Oregon St.