

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

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38 Days – The Count Down Begins!

Coldwater, MI. Open enrollment for the Healthcare Marketplace will end on February 15th – are you covered? People who are not yet covered have until February 15th to do so, or risk a paying a financial penalty. The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency, through its new program **‘Ins & Out’** (Insurance Navigation Services and Outreach) is scheduling appointments to assist area residents with signing up through the Healthcare Marketplace or for Medicaid. According to Steve Todd, Health Officer for the tri-county health department, “We currently have eight certified in-person assisters available, who can help consumers looking for health coverage. These eight people can help residents understand the new law requirements, exemptions, premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions, as well as penalties and appeal procedures.”

Through **‘Ins & Out’**, certified staff, which includes 2 Navigators and 6 Certified Application Counselors, can assist with:

- Answering questions either in person or over the phone
- Establishing an electronic account
- Compiling required documents
- Completing electronic applications
- Understanding their eligibility
- Assistance in understanding their healthcare needs so they can make the best insurance selection
- Assistance with filing grievances and/or appeals
- Assistance in understanding the penalties associated with not complying with the new mandate

Scheduling an appointment is easy – just call your local county health department office and dial Ext. 0104# or 0337# when prompted to talk directly with a certified navigator. In addition, our navigators will be out in the community, making it as easy as possible to get information and apply for health care coverage.

Branch County Events:

- **Every Thursday** - First Presbyterian Church Free Clinic, 3 pm to 5:30 pm
- **January 10th (information only)** – Great Lakes Health & Fitness, 603 E. Chicago, Coldwater, 10 am - 2 pm
- **January 29th** – Bronson City Hall, 141 South Matteson St., Bronson, 9 am - 1 pm
- **February 6th** – Alganssee Br. Library, 580 South Ray Quincy Rd., Quincy, 10 am - 2 pm

Hillsdale County Events:

- **January 22th** - Jackson Community College, Hillsdale Campus, 3120 West Carleton Road, Hillsdale, 3 pm to 6 pm
- **January 24th** - Camden Library, 119 S. Main St. in Camden, 9 am to 1 pm
- **January 27th** – Project Connect, Hillsdale Free Methodist Church, 150 Union Street Hillsdale, 1 pm – 4 pm
- **January 28th** – Special Enrollment Event at St. Peter’s Free Clinic, 3 North Broad Street, Hillsdale, 4 pm to 8 pm

St. Joseph County Events:

- **Every Wednesday** – from 9 am to 3:00 pm at the St. Joseph County Health Department, located at 1110 Hill Street, Three Rivers, MI.

For more information about the new healthcare mandate or to learn about healthcare Marketplace, visit our website at www.bhsj.org and click on the Healthcare Marketplace button.

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