

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

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The Final Countdown!

Coldwater, MI. The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency, a Marketplace Navigator Agency, is reminding tri-county residents that the last day to enroll in or change their Marketplace plans is January 31, 2017 – are you covered? People who are not yet covered have until January 31st to do so, or risk a paying a financial penalty. The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency, through its ‘Ins & Out’ (Insurance Navigation Services and Outreach) Program is scheduling appointments to assist area residents with signing up through the Healthcare Marketplace or for Medicaid. Volume is expected to increase as close of open enrollment approaches, so consumers are encouraged to call now for an appointment. “The end of open enrollment is rapidly approaching, and we invite consumers to enroll now to avoid paying fees associated with not having coverage in 2017,” said Rebecca Burns, Health Officer for the tri-county health department. After January 31, consumers can enroll or change plans only if they qualify for a Special Enrollment Period, such as getting married, having a baby, or losing health insurance coverage. Individuals who are eligible for Healthy Michigan Plan, Medicaid, MI Child or Healthy Kids can enroll at any time, but are encouraged to seek coverage now. Consumers who have questions or need help enrolling can call a certified navigator at 517-437-7395, ext. 0337# to

schedule an appointment with an in-person assister in their community. To learn more about the Marketplace and its insurance products, visit our website at www.bhsj.org and click on the blue button titled “Marketplace Information” on the left sidebar. Getting health insurance has never been easier or more affordable. Be one of the millions who have signed up through the Marketplace and let us help!