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Indian Stream Health Center offers support for Open Enrollment on NH and VT Health Insurance Marketplaces

Colebrook, NH: (March 1, 2021) A COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period (SEP) is currently open now through May 15, 2021 for those who do not currently have health insurance to enroll in a qualified health plan (QHP) and receive premium and cost-sharing assistance, if eligible. Indian Stream Health Center is standing by with information and resources to help local residents who qualify to apply for a plan.

"To ensure insurance coverage in 2021, those eligible must enroll in a plan by May 15," said **Sergio Zulich**, CEO at Indian Stream Health Center. "This refers to those who purchase insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Also, those who have tried to get a SEP in the past and have been determined not eligible, are welcome to re-apply at this time."

Mr. Zulich went on to say the plans, also known as Obamacare, are for those individuals that do not have health insurance through an employer, Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or another source that provides qualifying health coverage."

Indian Stream has Certified Application Counselors (CAC) for the insurance marketplace on staff who are pleased to provide support and assistance to area residents from NH or Vermont.

In February, President Joe Biden signed an executive order which reopened the health insurance marketplace and extended the annual open enrollment period.

“Purchasing health insurance is a very important decision,” noted Mr. Zullich. “That’s why we’re reminding local residents about the sign-up deadlines and other resources. He added that the website www.healthcare.gov or www.portal.healthconnect.vermont.gov or <https://www.nh.gov/insurance/> are a good first steps when seeking information. “These sites answer a lot of commonly asked questions and have tools to help the consumer view insurance options and estimated plan costs.”

People who are eligible for Medicaid can apply at any time.

Those needing direct support with their applications can call (603) 237-8336 to schedule an appointment with the Outreach Department.

About Indian Stream Health Center

Indian Stream Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving the health care needs of Coos County, New Hampshire and surrounding areas in Maine and Vermont and we proudly serve patients via clinical locations in Colebrook, NH and Canaan, VT, in local schools and in the community setting.

Our mission is to optimize the health and well-being within the communities we serve, and our vision is to provide high quality healthcare, promote wellness, and reduce barriers to care.

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