

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT FAQ

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Enrollment in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (sometimes called Obamacare) begins on October 1st. To qualify for coverage on January 1st, the enrollment deadline is December 15, but open enrollment will continue until March 31, 2014. Coverage begins on January 1. As a result of the Affordable Care Act, Governor Christie has expanded Medicaid to include many more New Jersey residents. Even if you were told you didn't qualify for Medicaid in the past, you may qualify under the new rules if you apply after October 1st.

You can enroll by phone, by mail or online at HealthCare.gov. An email address is required to enroll online. If you do not have an email address, library staff can help you register for a free email account while at the library.

Before enrolling, gather the necessary information that you will need: your Social Security Number, W-2 or pay stubs, and policy number for any current insurance. See this handout for a [complete checklist](#) of information you will need.

Need help? Call 1-800-318-2596 or visit HealthCare.gov and ask questions via live chat. The library has computers available for online enrollment. Librarians can help you navigate the healthcare website and can assist with technical aspects of the application process; however, we cannot offer advice on the best plan for you and we cannot fill out the application for you.

Helpful Links

[Quick Questions and Answers](#)

[NJFamilyCare](#) (Medicaid Expansion options)

[Personal assistance with Medicaid enrollment - Warren County](#)

[Downloadable Application Form for Single Adults without Dependents](#)

[Instructions for Single-Adult Application Form](#)

[Downloadable Application Form for Families](#)

[Instructions for Family Application Form](#)

[AARP Fact Sheets](#)

[Research Guide from Raritan Valley College](#)