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**While most of the country's Exchanges prepare to conclude their Open Enrollment Periods, Nevada Health Link remains open through January 15, 2021 to purchase 2021 coverage**

***Nevadans have 30 more days to get covered***

***Nearly 72,000 Nevadans have enrolled to date***

**Carson City, Nev.** – While most of the country prepares to conclude their open enrollment periods this week on Dec. 15, Nevadans have an additional 30 days to enroll in health insurance coverage for 2021. Now through Jan. 15, 2021, [Nevada Health Link](#), the online health insurance marketplace operated by the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange), remains open and available for Nevadans to purchase comprehensive, Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant health plans for 2021. As a State Based Exchange (SBE), Nevada Health Link makes its own decisions and is autonomous from the federal marketplace – HealthCare.gov – therefore allowing for an extended Open Enrollment Period (OEP), which is one of the many advantages to operating as a SBE.

As of Dec. 13, 71,539 Nevadans have enrolled in a health insurance plan for 2021. With more than 30 days remaining in Open Enrollment for 2021 coverage, that number is obviously expected to trend upward with a typical surge in enrollment closer to the deadline.

Nevada Health Link is the **only** place consumers can qualify for subsidies to help offset the costs of monthly premiums, and four out of five Nevadans who purchase a plan on Nevada Health Link qualify for financial assistance (tax credits).

All plans offered through the Exchange cover the [ten essential health benefits](#) including pre-existing conditions and all COVID-19-related diagnosis and treatment. Consumers should know they must enroll in a plan by Dec. 31, 2020 to have health coverage effective on Jan. 1, 2021. Anyone who enrolls between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 will have coverage effective on Feb. 1, 2021.

“There are many consumers across the country scrambling to enroll in health insurance before their states’ marketplaces close their open enrollment periods on Dec. 15,” said Heather Korbolic, executive director, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. “But Nevadans are in luck, because there is another month left before our Open Enrollment Period ends on January 15. And with the busy holiday season upon us, consumers still have plenty of time to explore, compare and purchase their health insurance plans. If 2020 has taught us anything, it’s that health is the new wealth. There is no greater gift than the peace of mind that comes with knowing you and your family are covered with a comprehensive plan that will allow you to access a better quality of care, while protecting you from financial ruin, should you experience a medical event. Health insurance is the ultimate holiday gift.”

Exchange plans are ideal for those who don’t qualify for Medicare or Medicaid but still need financial assistance; those who don’t have employee-sponsored health insurance, including independent contractors and gig workers; and anyone seeking comprehensive, quality and affordable plans.



This year, Nevada Health Link has 50 qualified health plans to offer – nearly double the numbers of plans offered last year – from five carriers, including Health Plan of Nevada (HPN), SilverSummit (Ambetter), Anthem HMO Co, Friday Health Plans and SelectHealth. Nevada Health Link also offers 27 dental plans from six dental carriers and has recently partnered with VSP to offer vision plans.

Nevada Health Link is working with certified brokers and navigators to ensure there are plenty of opportunities and methods to enroll in health insurance, including virtual and contactless assistance in various languages, including Spanish, Tagalog and Mandarin, via telephone and online, or in-person, for those who prefer it. Visit [NevadaHealthLink.com](https://NevadaHealthLink.com) or call 1-800-547-2927 to learn more. The call center is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

#### **About Nevada Health Link**

[Nevada Health Link](https://NevadaHealthLink.com) is the online insurance marketplace operated by the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange), which was established per *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) in 2011 by the State of Nevada and began operations in 2013 on the belief that all Nevadans deserve access to health insurance. In 2019, the Exchange transitioned away from the federal marketplace, HealthCare.gov and became a fully operational State Based Exchange (SBE), in time for its seventh Open Enrollment Period (OEP). Nevada Health Link connects eligible Nevada residents to budget-appropriate health and dental coverage and is the only place where qualifying consumers can receive federal tax credits to help cover premium costs. Subscribe to Nevada Health Link's [Blog](#) and [YouTube](#) channel, like them on [Facebook](#) or follow on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Nevada Health Link always encourages consumers to use the free assistance of a licensed enrollment professional by calling 1-800-547-2927 or by visiting [NevadaHealthLink.com](https://NevadaHealthLink.com).