

State of Maine



WHEREAS, on January 3, 2019, the State of Maine expanded Medicaid, known as MaineCare, under the Affordable Care Act, allowing more than 40,000 people to sign up for health insurance as of October 25, 2019, with enrollment continuing throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, following MaineCare expansion, the State of Maine codified into state law critical Affordable Care Act protections, including guaranteed coverage for people with pre-existing conditions, a ban on lifetime and annual caps on coverage, allowing young adults up to age 26 to remain on their parents' insurance, and requiring coverage of essential health benefits such as ambulance services, prescription drugs, and pediatric care; and

WHEREAS, according to a study by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, having health insurance makes care more affordable, increases access to preventive services, primary care, chronic illness treatment, medications, and surgical care, leading to a wide range of improvements in health; and

WHEREAS, having health insurance enables people to receive preventive care, treat illnesses, manage chronic illnesses and disabilities, and afford medications, allowing them to participate in and strengthen Maine's workforce and change many Maine people's lives for the better; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that having health insurance saves lives; and

WHEREAS, 106,000 people in Maine, or eight percent of the population, currently do not have health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the open enrollment period for individual market health care plans for 2020 begins on November 1, 2019 and ends on December 15, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby urge all Maine people to sign up for health care under the Affordable Care Act and MaineCare during this open enrollment period.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this thirty-first day of October Two Thousand Nineteen

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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Janet T. Mills
Governor