

## **Information for Faith Leaders**

## Help members of your community get access to Health Coverage that best suits their needs <u>and</u> their budget.

**Who:** As a faith leader, you can help members of your community access health coverage through HealthSource RI, the state's health insurance marketplace. HealthSource RI is where individuals and families can find, compare and enroll in a health plan that best meets their needs and budget. Some Rhode Islanders may also be eligible for tax credits to help pay for insurance or for low-cost or free coverage through Medicaid. For example:

- An individual making up to \$47,080 or a family of four making up to \$97,000 can get financial help to pay for health insurance.
- An individual making less than \$16,243 or a family of four making less than \$33,465 can get free health coverage through Medicaid.

**What:** All plans offer the same essential benefits, including doctor visits, prescriptions, hospital care and preventive screenings. And you can no longer be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition or other health reason.

**When:** Rhode Island residents can enroll in coverage through HealthSource RI during the **Open Enrollment Period**, which takes place this year from November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016.

If members of your community are currently going through a life change, they may be eligible to enroll through a *Special Enrollment Period*, outside of open enrollment. Here are some examples of the life changes that your members might experience that may allow them to apply for special enrollment:

- If a person has been let go from a job where s/he received health insurance
- If there is a change in family make-up such as marriage, divorce, birth, adoption or foster care placement
- If a person's immigration status changes (a person must be a U.S. citizen or be lawfully present in the U.S. to buy insurance through HealthSource RI)
- If someone is new to Rhode Island and doesn't have access to employer coverage

*More Information:* For the complete list of life-changing events or for more information visit <u>HealthSourceRI.com</u>, or call 1-855-840-4774. Rhode Islanders can also receive in-person help from Navigators throughout the state. Visit our website, call 1-855-840-4774 or call 2-1-1 to find in-person enrollment help near you.