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**WESTCHESTER OFFERS FREE HELP WITH HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT**  
***Open Enrollment for NY State of Health, the Official Health Plan Marketplace Starts November 1***

(White Plains, NY) – Free assistance is available to help individuals and small businesses enroll or renew their health coverage with NY State of Health, the official health plan Marketplace. The Westchester County Department of Health Navigator Program offers in-person assistance in multiple languages at no charge.

The 2019 Open Enrollment period for the Marketplace will begin Thursday, November 1 and will run through January 31 for all new applicants. For health coverage to begin on January 1, residents must enroll in a plan by December 15.

For anyone currently enrolled in the Marketplace, the Open Enrollment period will begin on November 16. Renewal information for 2019 will be sent directly to enrollees from the NY State of Health.

Anyone who wants to can enroll in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) during the Open Enrollment period. Enrollment in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, the Essential Plan and the Small Business Marketplace is available all year round.

Navigators are available at 24 sites including Health Department offices, libraries, community based organizations and government agencies. Weekday, evening and weekend hours are available. For more information on navigator services, locations or to schedule an appointment, call (914) 995-6350 or email [hnav@westchestergov.com](mailto:hnav@westchestergov.com).

To learn more about health coverage, go to [www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov) or call 1-855-355-5777. The NY State of Health customer service hours are Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, and Saturday, 9am-1pm. For more health information, go to [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health).

## **About Westchester County**

Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just under a million. Originally home to Native Americans, who were members of the Lenape

tribe, it is today a rich mix of many cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque towns as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of 6 cities, 19 towns and 20 villages. Westchester County is known for top-notch public schools, and a high quality of life. The County is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world changing non-profits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led by County Executive George Latimer, who took office in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. Using inclusion and openness as a foreground, Latimer is fighting to make Westchester a destination for all people to live, work and enjoy. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com)

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