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**Commissioner Arkoosh Encourages Montgomery County Residents to Get Covered  
*Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Ends January 31, 2016***

**Norristown, PA (January 15, 2016)** – The Montgomery County Public Defender, in partnership with Montgomery County Community Connections and Enroll America, is hosting an Affordable Care Act Enrollment Event in the Public Defender’s office, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Montgomery County Courthouse on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This is the first in a number of upcoming opportunities for Montgomery County residents to meet with free, unbiased, in-person enrollment assisters to sign up for health insurance coverage before the end of the Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

“I am working hard to make sure we reach every uninsured person in Montgomery County,” said Dr. Valerie Arkoosh, Vice Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners and Interim Medical Director of the Montgomery County Health Department. Please see below for full information including addresses for the upcoming health insurance enrollment fairs in the county, as well as links to the Get Covered Connector for appointment scheduling where applicable, and pass it along to anyone who needs to get covered.

**Enrollment Events in Montgomery County through January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 3:00pm**, Montgomery County Public Defender’s Office (County Courthouse, 2 East Airy Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Norristown). [Schedule an appointment](#)

**Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am to 1:30pm AND 4:00pm to 6:30pm**, Montgomery County Community College (340 DeKalb Pike, Parkhouse Hall Atrium, Blue Bell). [Schedule an appointment](#)

**Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 2:00pm**, Abington Health – Lansdale Hospital (100 Medical Campus Drive, Founder’s Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Computer Training Room, Lansdale). [Schedule an appointment](#)

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 3:00pm**, Abington Memorial Hospital (1200 Old York Road, Widener Building, Garden Training Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), Abington). [Schedule an appointment](#)

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 1:00pm**, Norristown Regional Health Center (1401 DeKalb Street, Norristown). [Schedule an appointment](#)

Individuals interested in applying for or renewing their coverage in the Health Insurance Marketplace, will need to provide some information about themselves and their household, including income, any coverage they currently have, and some additional items. Individuals may use this checklist to help gather what they need to apply for coverage: <https://marketplace.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/marketplace-application-checklist.pdf>.

“Please help to spread the word about the important upcoming deadline to enroll in coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace, and the availability of free enrollment help in Montgomery County,” Arkoosh stressed. Health insurance is affordable. In fact, 4 out of 5 Pennsylvanians who have signed up for coverage have received financial assistance to pay for their coverage. And, those who don’t sign up for coverage may face a fine of \$695 or more on next year’s taxes. For those with qualifying income (less than \$16,243 for a single person, less than \$33,465 for a family of four), Pennsylvania’s HealthChoices program may also provide coverage at no cost.

“Please take a moment to share this information with your families, friends, and constituents,” Arkoosh said.

Additional in-person enrollment opportunities can be found at <https://www.getcoveredamerica.org/connector/>. To learn more about available plans, to estimate the cost of insurance, and more, visit <https://www.getcoveredamerica.org/>.