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### **Marketplace Health Insurance Enrollment Ending**

The Federal Marketplace is a service that helps people shop for and enroll in affordable health insurance in the State of Kansas. The Marketplace was created with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, informally known as Obamacare.

When a person applies for coverage, they will provide income and household information to check for opportunities to make insurance more affordable or coverage through KanCare (Medicaid) and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Consumers must not have an affordable coverage option through an employer-sponsor health insurance plan.

Open enrollment for health insurance through the Federal Marketplace will end on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for coverage beginning January 1, 2020. To enroll or check options through the Marketplace, please visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

For local assistance, Monica Thayer, Family Resource Management Extension Agent, is a Certified Application Counselor and will be helping individuals and families with the process.

Call your local River Valley Extension District Office to schedule an appointment.

Belleville: 785-527-5084

Clay Center: 785-632-5335

Concordia: 785-243-8185

Washington: 785-325-2121

Appointments will take approximately one and half hours. You will be asked for basic information about your family and household. You will need names, birthdays, and Social Security numbers for everyone in your household, projected 2020 household income for everyone in the household, tax information, and immigration documentation and supporting identification numbers.

If you plan to submit an online application, you must also have an email address and password to create an online Marketplace account. Monica can help you create an email account if you do not currently have one.

Contact Monica Thayer, Family Resource Management Extension Agent, by calling 785-527-5084 or emailing [mthayer@ksu.edu](mailto:mthayer@ksu.edu) for more information.