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Erie County Public Library partners with Community Health Net to offer Open Enrollment Coverage

Erie, PA –The Erie County Public Library partners with Community Health Net to offer information on open enrollment insurance coverage options.

The collaboration will offer two Zoom presentations on insurance coverage options with Q&A sessions on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. Registration is free and required to participate; register at events.erialibrary.org. An enrollment specialist will schedule one-on-one appointments following the presentations for those attendees in need of further information or assistance accessing the enrollment marketplace.

"We are well aware that a single organization cannot provide the resources necessary to assist with the health needs of the region. We must work unitedly," said Craig Ulmer, CEO of Community Health Net.

One of Community Health Net's strategic goals is to generate and promote meaningful preemptive care through collaborations. The organization believes that quality preemptive care is predicated upon a person's ability to secure affordable health insurance.

"By partnering with vested partners, such as the Erie County Public Library, we have a better opportunity to help our community to address their health insurance needs," said Ulmer.

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Health insurance coverage is vital to the well-being of families and individuals. In 2019, over 29 million Americans were living without health insurance. Uninsured nonelderly adults were over twice as likely as those with private coverage to have had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months. Uninsured residents may face unaffordable medical bills when they do seek care.

“Our hope in 2020 is to create an awareness that there are insurance coverage options for the patients and patrons that our organizations serve,” said Marcus Yuille, outreach services manager for the Erie County Public Library. “Together we are committed to providing life-sustaining information to community members and helping walk them through the process of finding insurance that fits their needs.”

The programming was made possible by the “Libraries connecting you to coverage” grant from the American Library Association.

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About Community Health Net

Community Health Net is the preeminent, community-focused healthcare network that advances the wellness of the region. Our mission is to improve our region's quality of life by providing professional healthcare services with compassion, respect, and dignity to all. We are a Federally Qualified Health Center with seven locations serving the Lake Erie region for over 35 years.

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