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211 San Diego Supports Access to New Financial Assistance Available Through Covered California

Individuals and families can get free help finding a health plan and applying for coverage

San Diego—Today, [211 San Diego](#) announced that new and expanded financial assistance is available to low- and middle-income individuals and families in San Diego County through [Covered California](#). 211's Certified Enrollment Counselors can help individuals and families in the San Diego region renew their plan or enroll during an additional special-enrollment period happening now.

“As our region begins to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic impact felt by so many in our community, additional financial assistance through Covered California could mean savings of hundreds or even thousands of dollars for some families that can go toward other essential expenses,” said **William York, President & CEO of 211 San Diego**. “For more than six years, we’ve been proud to help families find the right plan for their health care needs and their budget, even more so right now.”

The [American Rescue Plan](#) signed into law in March lowered health care premium costs for people who receive coverage through Covered California by providing new and expanded subsidies. It offers the most significant cost savings since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2010. Criteria include:

- If you are currently uninsured and eligible, you may be able to get a high-quality plan from a name-brand company for as little as \$1 per month, or a plan that offers more benefits for less than \$100 per month.
- If you are enrolled directly through a health insurance company and switch to a Covered California plan, you will not pay more than 8.5 percent of your household income on your new premium.
- If you are a current Covered California enrollee, an analysis shows your net premium may decrease by an average of \$180 per household per month. These savings will automatically be applied to your account starting in May.

For the last six years, 211 San Diego has partnered with Covered California to help reduce the number of uninsured people, improve quality of health care, and address health care disparities. Individuals and families can make an appointment to speak with a Certified Enrollment Counselor at 211 San Diego, who can explain the cost and coverage options available to them, see if they are eligible for financial assistance, and submit the application on the caller’s behalf. 211 San Diego will also follow up two weeks after the appointment to explain how new enrollees can make their first payment or find a primary care doctor.

To learn more or to get help finding and applying for a Covered California plan, visit 211sandiego.org/coveredca or call 2-1-1.

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