

State of Maine



WHEREAS, the world is facing the most significant health crisis in modern history due to COVID-19, which has also caused a global economic downturn, impacting people's lives and livelihoods and their ability to access health insurance; and

WHEREAS, affordable, quality health insurance coverage ensures access to care and is vital to the health and well-being of the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, people without access to health insurance coverage are less likely to see a doctor when they become ill, to seek treatment for a chronic condition, and to forgo necessary care until their condition becomes intolerable; and

WHEREAS, enacted in 2010, the Affordable Care Act, which ensures critical consumer protections and expands coverage to millions of Americans, has been instrumental in dramatically reducing the number of uninsured people nationwide from 46.8 million in 2010 to 29.2 million in 2019, and in Maine from 144,000 in 2011 to 105,000 in 2019, improving overall population health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, established under the Affordable Care Act, the Health Insurance Marketplace provides access to affordable, quality coverage for Maine people, which is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine has established a State-based Marketplace to enhance efforts to enroll individuals in affordable, quality health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 Mainers are enrolled in Marketplace coverage, and 330,000 are enrolled in MaineCare, including more than 64,000 through the expansion of Medicaid made possible by the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, leaders from across America have joined to launch a national movement to help address the COVID-19 pandemic by helping people protect themselves and making sure that everyone who can enrolls in health care coverage;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim December 10th, 2020, as **Get Covered Maine 2021 Day** and I call upon all residents to **Cover Yourself and Your Family** – renew your coverage, if you haven't already, and tell friends to check CoverME.gov to see their health coverage options, whether they qualify for financial help and how they can get covered; and **Cover Everyone** – support efforts to increase access to affordable, meaningful health care coverage for all people throughout Maine.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this seventh day of December Two Thousand Twenty

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State