



EverThrive IL knows there are a number of questions about the Affordable Care Act in light of last week's election. While there is uncertainty during any time of political transition, there are a few things which are absolutely clear.

1. The ACA is still the law and open enrollment will continue.

Consumers will still be able to enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace or Medicaid. Open enrollment on the marketplace continues through January 31, 2017; though you must enroll by December 15 if you want coverage beginning on January 1. Financial help is available to those who buy coverage through the Marketplace--more than 60% of enrollees last year paid less than \$100 a month for their plan. Anyone who wants to understand their coverage options should start at GetCoveredIllinois.gov.

2. In-person enrollment assistance remains available and may be more important than ever.

Navigators and assisters provide free, unbiased, in-person assistance for anyone seeking health insurance. Consumers can get help completing the application, selecting a plan, and understanding their coverage. Consumers still want and need health insurance, illustrated by the [nearly 100,000 people who enrolled](#) in coverage on the day after the election. You can use the [Get Covered Illinois Connector](#) to schedule an appointment for in person assistance.

3. Any significant repeal efforts will not happen overnight.

Past proposals to repeal the Affordable Care Act have included a transition period so that people who currently have coverage through the Marketplace or Medicaid expansion do not experience a sudden disruption in care. We have every reason to believe that will be the case should a repeal succeed in 2017.

In the last six years, the Affordable Care Act has transformed the health care delivery system in the United States. More than 20 million people have gained coverage through the Marketplace or Medicaid expansion, including more than 1 million people here in Illinois. Additionally, millions more people have benefitted from important consumer protections, including access to free preventive care, the elimination of lifetime and annual caps on health care, and protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

EverThrive IL is committed to aggressively defending the Affordable Care Act. We will stand with community members, health advocates, and our champions in Congress and the General Assembly to ensure that we do not move backward on health access. If you would like to learn more about how you can join us, [register for our upcoming webinar](#):

Defending Health Access in Illinois: The ACA and Medicaid Post Election

Monday, December 12

2:00 - 3:00pm.

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