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**Mayor O'Connell Promotes the Open Enrollment Period of the
Massachusetts Health Connector**

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced the Open Enrollment period of the Massachusetts Health Connector which runs through January 23rd. The Massachusetts Health Connector is the state's health insurance marketplace. Open Enrollment is the period of time open for anyone who does not have insurance or is paying for coverage themselves to consider a plan through the Health Connector.

"Access to healthcare is one of the most important ways we safeguard the health of our community. Increasing access to doctors, medicine, and treatment helps build a community that is strong and healthy. Having health insurance during a time when COVID-19 is on the rise is a crucial need," O'Connell said.

This year, there are three groups of people for whom Health Connector coverage may be especially important: the chronically uninsured, people who lost their work healthcare coverage plans due to COVID layoffs, and people who signed up for COBRA this year and are struggling with those payments.

Massachusetts is known for its high quality of health care. Mayor O'Connell stresses the importance of residents having access to that health care. "Access to health care ensures our children will live long, healthy lives. It helps our elderly live in safety and comfort. It helps those who contract COVID-19. We call it health care because we care deeply about the well-being of the people in our community," said O'Connell.

O'Connell applauds the Massachusetts Health Connector for working hard to create a culture of coverage in communities across Massachusetts and remaining committed to enrolling everyone who does not have health insurance or is experiencing a gap in coverage.

Residents who are 65 years old and over who need assistance in applying to the Health Connector should call the Taunton Human Services Department at (508) 821-1420. Residents who are under 65 years old and need assistance with the application process are welcome to call the Taunton Manet Community Health Center at (508) 822-5500.

For more information please visit https://www.mahealthconnector.org/wp-content/uploads/2015_Subsidized_Application_ENG.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1n_9IUgMCCfvP9_IelGZCGcbro0oKzD_WyUCxfM8RRhjRr9oWyixbadWo8

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