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Health and Dental Plans Now Available for Preview at Your Health Idaho 293 Plans to Comparison Shop Using Our Newly Designed Mobile-Friendly Marketplace

BOISE, Idaho – Idahoans are now able to preview and comparison shop the 293 health and dental insurance plans being offered by seven carriers on Your Health Idaho's newly designed mobile-friendly marketplace at <u>YourHealthIdaho.org</u>.

"Idahoan's are often surprised to learn how much they can save on their health insurance by previewing and comparison shopping for health and dental plans on the exchange. Even with a modest single-digit rate increase this year, most Idahoans are saving 80 percent on health insurance using a tax credit only available through Your Health Idaho to help offset the costs of monthly premiums," said Pat Kelly, executive director of Your Health Idaho.

Previewing and comparison shopping for health insurance plans, prices, and benefits is extremely important. Here are a few helpful tips for families and individuals to keep in mind when reviewing health plans and coverage. First understand and evaluate your health care needs; second, consider your total health care expenses not just premiums and; third understand how the different plans are designed to meet different needs. Also, you'll want to work with an experienced and trusted health insurance agent or broker who can provide free help by explaining plans, benefits and costs so you can review and select the best health plan option for you. There is a network of 900 health insurance agents and brokers available across Idaho.

This year, Your Health Idaho's newly designed mobile-friendly website will continue to help consumers navigate the wide range of plans available with ease. Idahoan's can use the marketplace to check their eligibility for a tax credit, compare premiums, copays, and deductibles, all of which are important factors to consider before purchasing a health plan.

"We are pleased to offer Idahoans a robust online health insurance marketplace that provides easy access to useful tools and information consumers can rely on to help them make better-informed decisions when it comes to comparison shopping and enrolling in a health insurance plan that meets their needs and budget," Kelly said.

Plans are now available for preview and Open Enrollment starts November 1 and ends December 15, for coverage starting January 1, 2019.

Customers who have 2018 health insurance coverage with the exchange will automatically be reenrolled into a comparable plan and those plans will be when consumers login to their account on November 1.

Prior to the 2019 Open Enrollment period, health insurance carriers will reach out to their customers to inform them of any changes to their current plan, including differences in rates and deductibles.

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Your Health Idaho is an online marketplace where Idaho families and small businesses can go to compare and purchase health insurance. Created by state law in 2013, Your Health Idaho is governed by a 19member board authorized by the Idaho Legislature to set the rules and regulations for implementing a state-based health insurance exchange. Learn more at <u>www.yourhealthidaho.org</u>. You can also check us out on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.