



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jackie Symons  
330-273-5756  
jackie@ohioahu.org

### **HealthBenefitsOhio.com is the Insurance Resource for Ohio Consumers**

Cleveland (November 2, 2017) - The Ohio Association of Health Underwriters (OAHU) issued the following statement today:

The Open enrollment period for individual health coverage - Obamacare - has now begun.

This is the time of the year when individuals who are not eligible for health coverage through their employer may choose an individual plan for themselves and their family. There are a couple of key changes with this year's open enrollment period:

- This year's enrollment period has been shortened to only 45 days. The final day that enrollments will be accepted will be December 15, 2017 for coverage effective January 1, 2018.
- There are a lot of changes with the available carriers this year. There is only one carrier available in most counties in Ohio. If you are currently enrolled on or off the Health Care Marketplace, be sure to verify that your carrier will continue to offer their plan into the New Year; and
- There are changes in the tax credit calculations for 2018. This needs to be re-evaluated every year to make sure you are getting the most credit allowed for your income.

Additionally, the funding for navigators has been reduced within Ohio. If you are looking for assistance with your enrollment choices, [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) has added a "Help on Demand" feature to the website that connects individuals with certified health insurance brokers. For personal assistance from someone in your area, be sure to seek assistance from a licensed professional health care insurance agent within the State. To find an agent in your area, go to [www.healthbenefitsohio.org](http://www.healthbenefitsohio.org)

###

The Ohio Association of Health Underwriters (OAHU) is a trade association representing agents, brokers and other professionals concerned with health insurance. The association works for reform to provide an improved, accessible and affordable health insurance system for all Ohio consumers. In addition, OAHU supports its five

local associations in promoting free-market delivery of health care insurance and the value of the professional agent.

OAHU's management team is J&M Business Solutions, LLC, a woman owned business established in 1994.

#### **Mission Statement**

The Ohio Association of Health Underwriters exists as a resource to the local Ohio Chapters in the areas of communication, legislative advocacy, membership, leadership and position training, and shared programs.

#### **OAHU Members Adhere to a Strict Code of Ethics**

OAHU requires each of its members to always make health care coverage recommendations with the customer's best interest in mind. Most professional insurance agents work very hard to provide their clients with the best possible service and price for their insurance products.