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Your Health Idaho offers more health insurance choices in 2016 than ever before

BOISE, Idaho – During the 2016 open enrollment period, Idahoans will have more health and dental insurance plans to choose from on the state-based exchange than ever before. The Your Health Idaho Board of Directors certified 211 plans at their September meeting, up from 198 plans in 2015.

“We want Idahoans to find a health insurance plan on the exchange that meets their needs and fits their budget,” said Pat Kelly, executive director of Your Health Idaho. “In order to do this, Idahoans must have choices about their health insurance coverage.”

Options for dental coverage have expanded. During the upcoming open enrollment period, carriers will sell adult dental insurance plans on the exchange for the first time. Previously, only pediatric dental plans were sold on Your Health Idaho.

Ten different health and dental insurance carriers are offering plans on the exchange including Dentegra, a new dental carrier. BEST Life and Health Insurance Company, Blue Cross of Idaho, BridgeSpan Health Company, Delta Dental of Idaho, The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, Mountain Health Co-Op, PacificSource Health Plans, SelectHealth, Inc. and Willamette Dental will all continue offering plans for 2016.

“We know choice and affordability are important and we encourage Idahoans to take a look at the different plans. I think some people may be pleasantly surprised by what they find,” Kelly stated. This is because tax credits are increasing to offset higher rates. For example, Idahoans who received a tax credit in 2015 and enrolled in the benchmark silver plan, may see little or no premium increase if their income hasn’t changed and they once again enroll in the benchmark silver plan in their area. If consumers shop and compare and use an agent or broker, they may find health insurance plans on the exchange that could keep more money in their wallets.

Starting October 1, Idahoans can preview the health and dental insurance plans being offered by the exchange by visiting YourHealthIdaho.org.

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Your Health Idaho was established by State law in 2013 to provide an online marketplace where Idaho families and small businesses can go to compare and purchase health insurance. Your Health Idaho is governed by a 19-member Board authorized by the Idaho Legislature to set the rules and regulations for implementing a state-based health insurance exchange.

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