Non-Profit Group Encouraging Utahns To Enroll In Obamacare

(KUTV) In Utah enrollment into President Obama's Affordable Health Care Plan has been slow but online upgrades at Healthcare.com offer encouragement for those looking to sign-up.

The Obama administration is hoping Sunday's reboot of the website will fix most of the problems people saw when trying to sign up for insurance online.

Jason Stevenson from Utah Health Policy Project says his group ran into real problems when trying to guide Utahns through the new Obamacare.

"It has been hit or miss for most of October and the early part of November, but we certainly noticed as November went along it was getting better," Stevenson said.

Still, the number of Utahns that were able to sign-up were dismal, Stevenson says just 357 people were able register for Obamacare but thousands more tried.

Computer crashes, error messages and delays derailed many of those who wanted to register. But with Sunday's system upgrade Stevenson says it's much easier for individuals to sign-up.

"It's a whole new ballgame. There's been many fixes, the website is operating much more smoothly." With the December 23rd deadline to choose your insurance experts say now might be the time to give it another try.

The private non-profit Utah Health Policy Project helps operate the outreach takecareutah.org. They have trained experts to help navigate your way through the new and improved website.

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