

Experts say to expect changes as open enrollment for the ACA rolls around

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SALT LAKE CITY (ABC 4 Utah) – The controversial Affordable Care Act is finishing up it's first year and now it's time for the second open enrollment period.

"The door gets unlocked on November 15th and everybody can come in and sign up for insurance. Those that have been waiting, those that really have not been thinking about it, this is the time to go and get enrolled," said Jason Stevenson, with Utah Health Policy Project.



This year the enrollment period is only three months, November 15, 2014 through February 15, 2015.

For coverage to kick in by the first of the year, enrollment must be complete by December 15, 2014.

Stevenson says Utahns can expect to find more options when they log on to healthcare.gov.

"We've got about 10 new plans here in Utah that are offered. The same six insurance companies are back," said Stevenson.



That's why it's a good idea to shop around.

"We encourage folks to go to healthcare.gov or seek out a navigator or broker to just make sure everything is ship shape for the new year," said Stevenson.

More than 84,000 Utahns signed up last year.

Stevenson is projecting it will be up to as many as 125,000 this year.

The law still faces major opposition from republicans, including Utah Governor, Gary Herbert.

"I think that the congress needs to look at improvement and whether it's repeal and replace or improve and modify, I don't care, but clearly what we have on the books right now is not the best," said Herbert, (R) Ut.

For more information on open enrollment [click here](#), or call 211.

