

Feds Visit Utah to Encourage Health Insurance Enrollment

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A regional director for US Department of Health and Human Services is in Utah to raise awareness about the second open enrollment period for health insurance.

Kim Gillan is Region 8 Director for US Department Health and Human Services.

Kim Gillan is the HHS Regional Director for six states in the Rocky Mountain region, but for the moment, her role in Utah is to be a health insurance cheerleader. Gillan says healthcare.gov is much more user friendly than it was in the first rollout and it's operating smoothly.

"It is really important for people to go to do window shopping, look at the diversity of health insurance they can get, and not to forget that there is a significant amount of financial assistance available," Gillan says.

She says 87 percent of Utahns who selected a plan on the marketplace during the last enrollment were able to get subsidies. Gillan credits local community organizations for working together to get almost 85,000 Utahns signed up earlier this year.

"I think the Utah folks should be proud to know that they've got a real user friendly system to complement the website," she says.

Gillan will be at a Healthcare Fair at the Sorenson Unity Center in Salt Lake City on Friday. She also plans to visit Provo, Ogden, and Heber City.

For more information, visit TakeCareUtah.org or call 211, the United Way's information line.

