

127,000 Utah residents pick health plans on federal website

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SALT LAKE CITY — Federal officials say nearly 127,000 people in Utah signed up for health insurance through a government run marketplace this year.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released updated numbers Tuesday about those who signed up for coverage through June.

A previous report from showed about 128,000 signed up by the end of March.

Officials say enrollment numbers shift as people cancel coverage or newly sign up as their circumstances change.

Figures released for Utah on Tuesday show that about 66 percent of those signed up are receiving tax credits to help pay for the cost.

Consumers can begin signing up for 2016 coverage on Nov. 1



Charles Ellis, 53, of Salt Lake City, left, looks on as navigator Luis Rios phones in to the hotline while seeking help to buy health insurance at the Utah Health Policy Project, in Salt Lake City on March 31, 2014. A new ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court means more than 80,000 Utah residents will keep receiving federal help to pay for health insurance.