

More Utahns sign up for health coverage through Obamacare

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Stevenson said there’s no solid explanation for the increase in enrollment but he said people who the group assists with enrollment do ask whether they will be covered in the future given that President-elect Donald Trump has said he will try to “repeal and replace,” the Affordable Care Act as soon as he takes office.

Stevenson said UHPP is telling the people it helps with enrollment to sign up, and that if Obamacare were replaced with something else, it would likely take two to three years.

He said that means Obamacare will exist through 2017 and probably through 2019.

Trump told CBS News recently that while he will replace Obamacare with something “great” that will cost less, he does want to keep several pieces of Obamacare like the provisions that keep insurance

companies from discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions and allow parents to keep their adult children on their insurance plans.

In Utah, the Affordable Care Act allows people who meet criteria for low income and family size, and purchase insurance from three different providers, then get government subsidies that discount the price.

The deadline to sign up has been extended to Dec. 19 if you want coverage by Jan. 1, 2017.

The final deadline is the last day of January 2017.

Everyone must have insurance or tax face fines

To enroll go to healthcare.gov or, in Utah, call 2-1-1 for help.

