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Attended a beWellnm Enrollment Event in my community

Anonymous from Gallup, NM

I attended an event at the Gallup Indian Medical Center for a health insurance enrollment drive because I wanted to see if I qualify for a tax subsidy. **Why is health coverage important?** I had general questions and wanted to talk about different health plans. I always wanted health insurance but could not afford it before. My health coverage is important because I want help with my basic medical coverage like doctors and prescriptions.

My visit was in a manner of not being pressured but provided me time to make choices. The enrollment counselor gave me insight information so that I make good choices in health plans. Not like an auto dealership where you are pressured to make a quick buy. Now I can work with my PCP to continue with my healthcare beyond Indian Health Services.

Priscilla from Gallup, NM

I attended the Zuni Main street 2017 Fair. I wanted to enroll in a plan, see if I qualify for a tax subsidy and learn more about health coverage.

I did not qualify for Medicaid and Medicare. I wondered what there was for me to apply for? I was without health insurance for 3 years. I did not know where to go to get the insurance without paying too much premium. I was really satisfied with beWellnm assistance center. Gave me a sense of security as I walk out of here.

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BeWellnm helped to stay active and avoid painful medical bills.

Flavio from Santa Fe, NM

A few years ago I unexpectedly visited a doctor's office when faced with severe pain. While everything worked out health-wise, I was stuck with huge medical bills as a result of not having any health coverage at the time of the visit. My credit score began to suffer as the bills piled up and sent to collections. Unable to fork over the lump sum amount, collections settled for a \$4000 payment (a percentage of the total amount owed). While I have paid them off and repaired my credit score, I have learned an important lesson that could have deprived me of many opportunities otherwise.

I recently visited the Santa Fe Enrollment Center where I received help to get covered and avoid a possible repeat of that financial disaster. With beWellnm in-person assistance, I am able to stay covered and keep on top of my health care needs utilizing helpful tax credits.

In fear of inquiring huge sums of medical bills again, I scheduled an appointment and received help to enroll in a gold health plan. This insurance from exchange covers all of my medical needs and to some extent helps with my financial needs too. Thanks to BeWellNM in Santa Fe I can focus on other aspects of my life and have the peace of mind and reassurance that I wouldn't face a gap in coverage or inquire medical bills in this unpredictable world.

Craig from Santa Fe, NM

I am thankful for beWellnm's available resources that have assisted me in meeting all my medical insurance coverage needs, regardless of my preexisting conditions.

This is the third consecutive year I've qualified to receive financial assistance through the Affordable Care and Patient Protection Act. I can focus on my health and disregard affordability stresses. I appreciate my tax credits that help lower the amount I pay, it's literally a lifeline for me!

The face-to-face assistance has provided me with plenty of information as well peace of mind knowing that regardless of my health conditions I can receive help to inquire about my health insurance.