

Health Insurance Marketplace Navigators are here to help!

Health insurance can be difficult to understand, residents no longer have to feel that they are alone in the challenge. If you have questions about health insurance or need to enroll our Health Insurance Navigators are available to help you year round.

Last year the City of Garden City was awarded funding to make this service available to the Wayne County community. The Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator program's mission is to assist residents with enrolling in a health plan that fits their budget and best meets their family's needs.

The City of Garden City, the City of Dearborn Heights and Westland have joined together to help the residents of their communities get the health insurance coverage they need. The services are housed in a variety of municipal buildings in the three communities; in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center, in Dearborn Heights at the Eton Senior Center and the City Hall, and in Westland at the City Hall and the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center.

Navigators are available to assist residents on a walk-in or by appointment basis. Navigators are trained specialists who provide residents with in-person help, answering their questions about health insurance and financial assistance options, as well as assisting them as they complete the application. Navigators are knowledgeable about the range of health plans available on HealthCare.gov, as well as other public health insurance programs offered in their state, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Navigators are also qualified to assist small businesses in selecting affordable, qualified health plans they can offer to their employees. Most small businesses are eligible for a tax credit when they purchase a portion of their employees' health insurance through healthcare.gov. After the employer decides chooses a plan, our trained Navigators will work each employee to enroll them and their family.

Navigators help make the process simple by guiding residents to make educated healthcare decisions. Residents can compare plans side-by-side based on price, benefits, quality, and other features important to them, which is helpful if they have specific health care needs. Every health plan in the Marketplace offers the same set of essential health benefits, including doctor visits, preventive care, hospitalization, prescriptions, and more. Plans can offer other benefits like vision, dental or medical management programs for a specific disease or condition.

Navigators will work alongside the resident from coverage to care, in effort to make sure that they are not just covered but have found a doctor and have begun to access services. Navigators are available to help and are waiting to work with you.

All you need to do is give us a call or just stop in one of our 5 convenient locations.

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| Westland City Hall..... | 734-679-7827 |
| Westland Jefferson Barns Vitality Center..... | 734-679-7788 |
| Dearborn Heights City Hall..... | 734-679-7645 |
| Dearborn Heights Eton Senior Community Center..... | 734-679-7833 |
| Garden City Maplewood Community Center..... | 734-793-1849 |