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## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 1ST

[Begin your comparison shopping now at healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov)

Aliso Viejo, CA, October 27, 2016—Chronically Awesome Foundation Founder and Executive Director Julianna Shapiro joined fellow Affordable Care Act Assisters and Health Activists from across the nation on a conference call with Present Obama to launch the 2007 Open Enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act.

Window shopping for plans began on October 24th at the Health Insurance Marketplace allowing consumers to compare their coverage options before the November 1st enrollment date. Open Enrollment, which starts November 1 and ends on January 31, 2017, provides another opportunity for Americans to find affordable coverage for themselves and their families. Learn more on [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov)

A new report released October 24th shows that 72 percent of Marketplace consumers using available financial assistance in states using [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) can now find plans with a premium of less than \$75 per month while another 77 percent will be able to find plans with premiums below \$100.

The slow in the growth of ACA premiums has helped those who have employer-provided coverage. This year, the average family premium for the more than 150 million Americans with employer coverage is \$3,600 lower than it would be if pre-ACA premium growth had continued.

While many individuals have been concerned about reports that premiums have increased, The Department of Health and Human Services states that some will, in fact, see a decrease in their premiums by approximately 28%. To see if you are one of those who sees a decrease in premiums, visit the healthcare exchange and shop for a plan.

Shopping the plans is easier now than ever. To determine which premium and coverage are right for you and your family visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov). The newly designed interface allows you to compare and shop for plans on a single screen, eliminating confusion and giving a better apple to apples comparison of your healthcare options. It is important to remember that if you attempt to use the comparison tool at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) without entering accurate information as it pertains to your address or income, you will not get an accurate premium quote. When comparing prices, you are not committing to purchase health insurance at that time.

As members of The Chronically Awesome Community, we are aware that you have specific needs and challenges when it comes to selecting the best healthcare that suits your medical needs while at the same time keeps your monthly out of pocket costs manageable. That is why we have created a specific Facebook page to handle your questions as well as to publish information related to our community.

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/ChronicallyAwesomeCoverageInfo/> We hope that you visit our page as well as shop for plans on the exchange.

*"I am looking forward to working with members of The Chronically Awesome Community through the open enrollment period for the 2017 insurance year. I myself will be cutting my premium in half. I hope that more chronically ill are window shopping the exchange now!" Julianna Shapiro, Founder and Executive Director, The Chronically Awesome Foundation*

The Chronically Awesome Foundation is a fiscally sponsored 501c3 whose mission it is to cultivate and support the Chronically Awesome Community through artistic programs including but not limited to blogging, photography, painting, and crafting; as well as to provide support programs both in a group or peer-to-peer settings. The Chronically Awesome Foundation strives to educate and raise awareness about the needs of the Chronically Awesome. We provide comfort to those in need and give back to The Chronically Awesome Community in creative and uplifting ways.

*The Chronically Awesome Foundation has no relationship with the Affordable Care Act aka ObamaCare and receives no benefit, financial or otherwise when it's members sign up for plans.*

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