**Insurance Resources**

**The Texas Department of Insurance**-Summary website on health insurance options for Texans <http://www.texashealthoptions.com/cp/findingcoverage.html>

**The National Health Insurance Marketplace**- At [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov/), patients can enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace or find out if they qualify for Medicaid or CHIP. Most people can only apply for coverage through the Marketplace during the annual enrollment period (typically mid-November through mid-February). People who change jobs, get married, or experience another "life change", however – are eligible to enroll anytime!

[http://www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov/)

1-800-318-2596 (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!)
1-855-889-4325 (TTY for the hearing impaired)

**Coverage for All**- A website that will help patients find personalized insurance options. <https://coverageforall.org/>

**Harris Health Financial Assistance Program (Gold Card)**- This program provides reduced cost care to Harris County residents who qualify. Qualifying for Harris Health System reduced cost care is not equivalent to having health insurance, it simply means that you are eligible to receive care through the Harris Health System, and that you will pay a reduced fee for the health care services if you qualify. Eligibility is based on a patient’s household income, he/she may qualify for partial financial assistance, on a sliding scale (including: full pay, half pay or a nominal co-pay).

<https://www.harrishealth.org/en/patients/access-care/eligibility-card/pages/eligibility-application.aspx>

713-566-6509

**Need Help Finding Insurance?**

You can call Gateway to Care at 713-783-4616 Mon-Fri (from 8am-5pm) for help finding an insurance. Gateway to Care is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that each resident of Houston/Harris County and the Texas Gulf Coast Region has access to affordable and accessible healthcare.

There are many local organizations (over 100!) that will help families enroll in the Marketplace, Texas Medicaid, or Texas CHIP. Go to [https://localhelp.healthcare.gov](https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/) and type in your patient’s zip code to find a convenient Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator to help your patients get through the system!

You can also contact Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS) for more information.

<http://echos-houston.org/>

713 270-0369