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**LATEST LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER FOCUSES ON LOOMING DEADLINE FOR OBTAINING MARKETPLACE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES**

EDISON — Details for low- and moderate-income New Jerseysans about the fast-approaching Dec. 15 deadline for obtaining or renewing private health insurance coverage for 2018 through the Federal Marketplace are the focus of the latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ).

The publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” provides information on whom to contact for enrollment in any of the three Marketplace exchanges offering various federally-subsidized insurance plans. The bilingual newsletter is accessible online at [Looking Out For Your Legal Rights](#) and also is available at all Legal Services offices in New Jersey. It provides information on whom to contact for enrollment in any of the three Marketplace exchanges offering various federally-subsidized insurance plans.

With few exceptions, the Dec. 15 enrollment deadline is firm. Costs for coverage vary according to income levels and family size, but financial assistance is available for qualifying low- and moderate-income applicants.

The LSNJ newsletter also cautions individuals and families that before enrolling for a marketplace policy, they should check whether they might be eligible for enrollment in New Jersey Family Care (Medicaid), for which coverage costs are substantially less.

The newsletter also provides details on how victims of abuse may obtain restraining orders, as well as outlining procedures for victims of human trafficking to potentially

expunge criminal acts they were forced to commit.

*Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of five independent non-profit corporations and has been providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties for more than 50 years. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation in more than 2.4 million cases.*

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