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## **Coverage Countdown: League Urges All Uninsured Floridians to Sign Up for Healthcare Under the Affordable Care Act**

***Monday, March 17th Marks Two Weeks Until Enrollment Deadline***

Tallahassee -- With Monday marking two weeks until the enrollment deadline, the League of Women Voters of Florida is urging all uninsured Floridians to sign up for healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act before it is too late. Florida has the second-highest rate of uninsured citizens under the age of 65 in the nation, with nearly 3.8 million residents living without healthcare coverage. To encourage enrollment, the League has produced an [audio news release](#) which will be aired by radio stations across the state between now and March 31.

"The clock is ticking -- if you are one of more than a million uninsured Floridians who have not signed up for affordable healthcare yet, you need to act now," says League President Deirdre Macnab.

Recently, enrollment in Affordable Care Act insurance plans has surged in Florida, with more than 442,000 Floridians signing up so far, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While Florida has refused to expand Medicaid, preventing nearly 1 million Floridians from receiving affordable healthcare coverage, HHS estimates that 53% of Florida's uninsured should be able to buy a plan through the open marketplace for \$100 or less a month. The deadline for enrolling in the open marketplace is March 31.

Floridians can sign up for healthcare coverage by visiting [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) or calling 1-800-318-2596.

Please contact LWVF President Deirdre Macnab for further comments.

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