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Primary Health Care to host After-Hours Open Enrollment Fair in Ames  
***Health Benefits Specialists to Assist Community Members with ACA Enrollment***

Ames, IA -- On November 14, Primary Health Care (PHC) in Ames will be keeping the lights on a little later to assist patients and the larger community with often complex and confusing process of enrolling in annual healthcare coverage and deciding between the two insurers in the Iowa Marketplace.

“Ensuring that our patients understand the plans that they are eligible for and assisting them with enrollment opens the door for that person or family to receive quality care and puts them on the path to improved health outcomes,” said Kelly Huntsman, CEO of Primary Health Care. “We work hard to create access for our patients and assisting with insurance enrollment is an important step in that process.”

The After-Hours Marketplace Open Enrollment Fair will take place Nov. 14 from 5 – 9 p.m. at the PHC Clinic in Ames, located at 3510 Lincoln Way. While walk-ins are welcome, it is recommended that patients call ahead to schedule their enrollment appointment with one of the bilingual Health Benefits Specialists.

The open enrollment period begins on November 1 and goes through December 15. Patients and community members can also schedule a visit during normal clinic operating hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling (515) 232-0628.

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PHC is a nonprofit community health center with 15 locations throughout Ames, Des Moines and Marshalltown. They provide medical, dental, behavioral health, HIV care, homeless support and other services to the poor and underserved living in central Iowa. PHC works to bridge the gaps in care identified by the communities they serve and have been providing health care and supportive services in Iowa for over 35 years.