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## Helping Your Patients Stay Covered in 2026

### Neighborhood News – January 2026

In 2026, many people across the country may face higher health insurance premiums due to the expiration of the enhanced Premium Tax Credits (EPTCs). This change could place an additional financial strain on your patients as they absorb increased health care costs.

Neighborhood is committed to ensuring Rhode Islanders have access to high quality, affordable care. It's important to remind patients that health insurance is required in Rhode Island. If they go without coverage in 2026, they may face a penalty when filing their income taxes.

**Open Enrollment is happening now through January 31**, making this the best time for individuals to enroll in a new plan or renew their current coverage. Neighborhood's Sales Team is available to help patients understand their options and to pick the plan that best fits their family's needs.

If you encounter patients struggling with higher premiums, there are resources to assist them:

- **Neighborhood Sales Team:** Call 1-401-459-6075 Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **HealthSource RI:** Call 1-855-840-4774 Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. During Open Enrollment, extended hours include Tuesdays until 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. More information is available at [healthsourceri.com](https://healthsourceri.com).