



# Preparing for Your Appointment

*You can apply for health coverage through the Marketplace by submitting an application online, by mailing a paper application, or by calling the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. A Navigator can assist you by answering questions about the Marketplace, assisting with the application process, and comparing plans. To learn more about the available plans before your appointment, visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).*

## **Prepare for the application:**

You will be asked for basic information about your family and household. Make sure you have the following information gathered before appointment time.

- Names, birthdays, and Social Security numbers for everyone in your household
- Your projected household income
- Tax information, such as filing status and number of dependents
- Immigration documentation and supporting identification numbers
- If you plan to submit an online application, you will need an email address and the associated password in order to create an online Marketplace account. Your Navigator can help you create an email address if you do not currently have one.

## **Assess your coverage needs:**

It is important to know who you will need to cover, what their insurance needs are, and how much you can afford in out-of-pocket costs and monthly premiums.

- Visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) to learn more about the available plans
- Think about your family budget and how the cost of insurance will fit in
- Prepare a list of your doctors and prescriptions in order to check networks and formularies.

## **Understand your employer coverage:**

Does your job offer health insurance? Are you eligible for coverage through your spouse's employer?

- If yes, complete the Employer Coverage Tool to find out if the employer plan meets the required standards. Your Navigator can help you locate this form or you can print it directly from [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

