

# Local activists: Applications are due Monday

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GALVESTON — Activists in Galveston County are trying to spread the word that Monday is the deadline for enrolling in an individual health plan under the Affordable Care Act.

“Texas is in the unenviable position of being No. 1 in the nation in terms of the number of uninsured,” said Joe Compian of Galveston. “This is a lifesaving opportunity for a lot of people.”

Compian said many local organizations — including Gulf Coast Interfaith, LULAC and the NAACP — are trying to spread the word about the deadline.

Those seeking to get individual coverage in 2014 must have an application postmarked by 10:59 p.m. Monday or submit an online application at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

Those with annual incomes of \$18,000 to \$47,000 may be eligible to have a significant part of their premiums covered through tax credits. Those that don't apply by Monday might not be able to get individual coverage in 2014.

The Obama Administration announced an extension for those who have begun the process of signing up for coverage. They will have until April 15 to complete the application — but only if they begin to enroll by Monday's deadline.

“It's important to get your foot in the door,” Compian said.

The Children's Center has a navigator's office at the Island Community Center, 4700 Broadway, to help people with applications. Call 409-763-6298.

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## At a glance

How to sign up for the Affordable Care Act by Monday's deadline.

Paper application: [marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/marketplace-application-for-family.pdf](http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/marketplace-application-for-family.pdf)

Apply online: [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)

Apply by phone: 1-800-318-2595

Find local in-person help: [localhelp.healthcare.gov](http://localhelp.healthcare.gov)

Spanish language resources: [www.cuidadodelasolud.gov](http://www.cuidadodelasolud.gov)