

# CareSouth Carolina now Offering Fall COVID Booster Vaccine

**Free Vaccination:** Thanks to a grant secured by CareSouth Carolina, the Fall COVID Booster Vaccine is currently offered to patients free of charge.

**Pfizer Vaccine:** Patients receiving booster shots can rest assure that they will be administered the Pfizer vaccine, a trusted vaccine authorized for booster doses.

**Flexible Access:** Patients have the option to either walk in for their booster shot or schedule an appointment, providing flexibility and convenience for everyone.

**Pediatric and Adult Vaccination:** Pediatric patients need to make appointments at the pediatric offices, while adult patients can receive their booster at other CareSouth Carolina offices.

**Eligibility:** Patients must wait at least two months since their last COVID-19 vaccination before receiving the booster shot. Individuals who have never received a COVID-19 shot can initiate their vaccination with this booster, which requires only one shot.

## Let's Get VACCINATED!

### Free New Fall COVID Booster Available to CareSouth Carolina Patients

Available at  
All CareSouth  
Carolina  
Office  
Locations.

Walk Ins  
or by  
Appointment  
for Adults  
18 & Up.

Pediatric  
Patients  
Appointments  
Only at  
Hartsville &  
Bennettsville  
Offices.

Only  
One Shot!  
\*Has to be at  
least 2 months  
since last  
COVID shot.

If you would like to make an  
appointment, please call  
**843-309-8301**  
or visit a CareSouth Carolina  
location near you.

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November 2023

## Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Has Begun

### NEED AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE?

★  
**4 out of 5**  
customers can  
find a plan  
for \$10 or less  
Enroll by December 15 for  
coverage to begin  
January 1, 2024.

# 2024 OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS

November 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024

Have Questions about Renewing  
or changing your health plan?



CareSouth Carolina offers **FREE** Assistance in  
Navigating the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Call 866.498.0399 to make an appointment.

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Open Enrollment for health coverage in the upcoming plan year has officially begun and will run from November 1 through January 15, 2024.

The coverage obtained during this period can kick in as early as January 1, allowing people to start the new year with the protection they need. This annual Open Enrollment Period is a critical window for those seeking health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act, providing a chance to secure quality healthcare that aligns with their financial resources and health requirements.

Certified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), CareSouth Carolina staff are available and offer free assistance in educating the community and helping individuals complete an application for coverage through the New Health Insurance Marketplace created through the Affordable Care Act.

"I'm excited for this year's open enrollment cycle," Community Health Navigator Jacqueline Anderson said. "We have a great opportunity to offer assistance to residents in the Pee Dee and South Carolina with obtaining health insurance through the Marketplace. When enrolling and re-enrolling, consumers now have more choices available from health insurance issuers."

CareSouth Carolina has Certified Application Counselors on staff to help you navigate through the web-based health insurance site, [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

The Marketplace is a way to find health coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. With one application, you can see all your options and enroll. Every health insurance plan in the Marketplace will offer essential health benefits, including doctor visits, preventative care, hospitalization, prescriptions, and more. The Marketplace can compare plans based on price, benefits, quality, and other features important to you before you make a choice. You can call any CareSouth Carolina health center for assistance.

To reach a Certified Application Counselor, you can call 1-866-498-0399.

### MEDICAL LOCATIONS:

Hartsville • Society Hill • Bennettsville • Bishopville • Cheraw • Chesterfield • Dillon • Lake View • Latta • McColl

### PHARMACY LOCATIONS:

Hartsville • Society Hill • Bennettsville • Bishopville • Cheraw • Latta • McColl • Chesterfield • Dillon

To make an appointment, please call 843.309.8301.

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# CareSouth Carolina Welcomes New Provider in McColl Health & Wellness Center



DeMarcus Benjamin,  
FNP-C

CareSouth Carolina is pleased to announce the newest addition to the McColl Health & Wellness Center team, DeMarcus Benjamin, MSN, APRN, FNP-C.

DeMarcus, a lifelong resident of Marlboro County, is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with a strong commitment to holistic patient care. His extensive clinical experience and dedication to improving the well-being of patients make him a valuable asset to the Marlboro County community.

“My care style is very simple, but detailed and thorough,” Benjamin said. “I tell all my patients at their initial encounter that I know a little bit about a lot. If I don’t have an answer, I know what resources and routes to use to get them to someone who can get them an answer. I want to take care of the whole patient, mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally.”

DeMarcus Benjamin’s commitment to serving the community extends beyond his role as a healthcare provider. He is the owner and director of the local dance company, Academy of Movement 2, based in Bennettsville, SC. Outside of work and dance, DeMarcus most enjoys spending time with his wife and son, fishing, and playing adult slow-pitch softball.

To make an appointment with DeMarcus, please give the McColl Health & Wellness Center a call at 843.523.5751.

## Time for the Flu Vaccine! Make an Appointment at any CareSouth Carolina Location



If you haven’t gotten your Flu vaccine yet, CareSouth Carolina is committed to ensuring the well-being of the community by making it readily accessible.

For more information about the flu vaccine or to schedule an appointment, please contact your local CareSouth Carolina office. CareSouth Carolina’s dedicated staff is here to assist you and address any questions or concerns you may have.

## CareSouth Carolina Hosts Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Extravaganza in Hartsville



Saturday, October 28, Hundreds of residents from all around the Pee Dee area made their way to CareSouth Carolina’s Hartsville office on Saturday for the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat event.

The free event offered food and treats, inflatables, and trunk or treating. In addition, participants were able to take a look at the remodeled CareSouth Carolina Hartsville Medical Facility, which is located at 1268 S. Fourth Street.

“CareSouth Carolina is so excited to be able to put on this event for our community,” Joe Bittle, Chief of Community Health said. “We’ve been in the Pee Dee region for more than 40 years, and we look forward to continuing to provide needed health and wellness services for many more to come. We were blessed with a large turnout, and it was great to be able to showcase our state-of-the-art Hartsville facility while also having fun with our patients and community members.”

## CareSouth Carolina joins World Leaders in World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day, observed on November 14 each year, is a globally recognized event dedicated to raising awareness about diabetes and advocating for better care and prevention.

World Diabetes Day serves as a reminder of the ever-increasing prevalence of diabetes and its profound impact on public health. The day aims to educate people about the importance of early diagnosis, effective management, and lifestyle modifications to reduce the risk of diabetes.

Through various outreach programs and educational campaigns, CareSouth Carolina is dedicated to informing and empowering communities about the importance of diabetes awareness, early diagnosis, and adopting a healthier lifestyle.

For more information, talk to your provider.

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NOV. 23 & 24, 2023  
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