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AIM to serve as point organization for new Health Benefit Exchange

CORNING | AIM Independent Living Center has been selected to serve as a point organization for New York's new Health Benefit Exchange, which will go into effect Jan. 1 as part of the Affordable Care Act.

The Exchange is a marketplace for people and businesses to compare health insurance options and access affordable, high-quality coverage. Health care exchanges are being established in all 50 states as part of the ACA.

AIM is one of only six contractors/subcontractors assigned to assist consumers with the new Exchange program in Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben counties. Statewide, the Department of Health selected 50 contractors, which are supported by 96 subcontractors.

Although AIM is traditionally known for serving people with disabilities, the nonprofit's In-Person Assistors/Navigators are available to assist anyone in understanding their Exchange options and enrolling in health plans. IPAs/Navigators will be available at convenient times, like evenings and weekends. There is no fee for consultation.

Open enrollment for the Exchange begins Oct. 1. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (888) 962-8244.

New York estimates that at full enrollment, nearly 1.1 million New Yorkers will obtain insurance through the Exchange, including 615,000 individuals and 450,000 small-business employees.

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AIM Independent Living Center, more commonly known as **AIM**, is a non-profit organization dedicated to people with disabilities, their families, friends, the businesses that serve them, and those with an interest in disabilities.

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- Advocacy
 - ADA Consultation
 - CDPAS Home Attendant Services
 - Deaf Services and Support Group
 - Facilitated Enrollment
 - Independent Living Skills Training
 - Information and Referral
 - Job Coaching
 - Supportive Employment
 - NHTD Waiver Services
 - Peer Advocacy & Support Group
 - OPWDD Consolidated Supports & Services
 - OPWDD Family Supports & Services
 - OPWDD Financial Management Services
 - OPWDD Medicaid Service Coordination
 - Recreation/Leisure Activities
 - Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired
 - Social Security & Benefits Advisement
 - Assistive Technology Loan Program
 - Transition Services to Young Adults
 - Training & Disability Awareness
 - TBI Waiver Services

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