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Kansans Slow to Embrace Health Marketplace in Nov.

(AP) - New figures show that Kansans remained slow to embrace a federally run online health insurance marketplace in November even though the pace of enrollments in health plans increased.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported Wednesday that fewer than 1,900 Kansans had chosen health plans through the marketplace at the end of last month - less than 10 percent of those eligible.

However, the enrollment figure as of Nov. 2 was only 371.

The October rollout of the online marketplace under the federal health overhaul was plagued by problems, and in November, the federal agency was working on fixing them.

Kansas declined to operate its own exchange or partner with the federal government. Republican Gov. Sam Brownback and many GOP legislators are critics of the health care overhaul.

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