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DEADLINE LOOMS, “LAST CHANCE TO GET COVERED” WEEKEND OF ACTION LAUNCHES

Stakeholders and Advocates Unite to Help Americans #GetCovered Before Dec. 15 Deadline

With the Open Enrollment deadline rapidly approaching on December 15, health advocates, providers, mayors, insurers, hospitals, business owners, faith leaders, individuals and other stakeholders are coming together for the “Last Chance to Get Covered” Weekend of Action, December 8-10. Through enrollment events, paid advertising, local media, social media, email campaigns, and grassroots actions, the “Last Chance to Get Covered” Weekend of Action will make sure people find out that there is very little time left to get health coverage for 2018 through HealthCare.gov.

During the “Last Chance to Get Covered” Weekend of Action, organizations and individuals will get the word out across the country about the options for coverage through Healthcare.gov and the December 15 deadline for Open Enrollment. The Weekend of Action kicks off on Friday with National Youth Enrollment Day.

Find local events in your area by visiting GetAmericaCovered.org/Events or [contact the local coalition](#) on the ground in each state to find out more about what’s happening locally.

Those Helping Americans #GetCovered during the Weekend of Action Include:

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| 1199SEIU United Healthcare East | Healthcare |
| Association for Community Affiliated Plans | Coverage Coalition |
| Alaska Primary Care Association | Cover Arizona |
| American Association on Health & Disability | Cover Kansas Coalition |
| Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS) | Cover Missouri |
| Autistic Self Advocacy Network | Cover NJ |
| Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum | Cover Texas Now |
| Catholic Health Initiatives | Covering Florida |
| Center for Budget Policy and Priorities | Covering Kids & Families of Indiana |
| Children's Defense Fund - Texas | Covering New Hampshire |
| City of Houston Health Department | Covering Wisconsin |
| Committee of Interns & Residents of SEIU | Center for Public Policy Priorities |
| | Dignity Health |
| | Doctors for America |

Doctors for America
Enroll Nebraska
Enroll Virginia
Families USA
Family Health Centers of Louisville
Foundation Communities
Get America Covered
Get Covered Alaska
Get Covered Mississippi
Granite State Progress Education Fund
Greater New York Hospital Association
Health Sherpa
HealthPartners
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs &
Human Rights
Houston Area Urban League
Illinois Coalition for Health Access
Insure GA
Jackson Health System
Kaiser Permanente
Kentucky Primary Care Association
Kentucky Voices for Health
Lakeshore Foundation
Lone Star Legal Aid
Los Angeles County Health Agency
Maimonides Medical Center
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South
Texas
Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter of Delta
Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
National Association of Health Access
Assisters
National Association of Social Workers –
Texas Chapter
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Health Council
National Health Law Program
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Women's Law Center
Navigators for a Healthy Louisiana
Navos
NC Get Covered
The National Equality Action Team
Nevada Health Link
New Jersey Citizen Action
NH Health Care Coalition
Organizing for Action
Oscar Health
Out2Enroll
Palmetto Project
Partnership for Quality Care
Pennsylvania Association of Community
Health Centers
Planned Parenthood
Protect Our Care
Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care
We Need
RISE Stronger
SEIU Healthcare 1199NW
SEIU Healthcare Minnesota
SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania
SEIU Local 1991
SEIU Local 721
SEIU United Healthcare Workers-West
Service Employees International Union
Signup SC
South Carolina Small Business Chamber of
Commerce
Southern Christian Coalition
Steward Health Care (formerly Caritas Christi
Health System)
Stride Health
Tennessee Health Care Campaign
Texas Hospital Association
The AIDS Institute
The National Faith-Based Mobilization
Network, Incorporated
TN Small Business Alliance

Visiting Nurse Service of New York
Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care
Young Invincibles

5 Facts About Signing Up For Coverage at HealthCare.gov:

- 1. You must sign up by December 15.** Enrolling is easy but there's not much time left before the final deadline of December 15 for 2018 coverage through HealthCare.gov. Sign up now to avoid the rush.
- 2. Coverage could be cheaper than you think.** Last year, 8 in 10 people qualified for financial help to make their monthly premiums more affordable. Most people can find plans with monthly premiums less than \$75 and many can find plans with \$0 monthly premiums.
- 3. Shop and save - plans and prices change every year.** If you had coverage through HealthCare.gov for 2017, you should come back to update your information and compare your options for 2018. Every year, plans and prices change, you could save money by switching to a new plan that still meets your needs.
- 4. If you choose to go without health insurance for 2018, you may have to pay a penalty.** Having health insurance is still the law and there's a minimum penalty of \$695 if you're not covered in 2018. Even if Congress repeals the mandate, it wouldn't go into effect until 2019.
- 5. Free help is available.** If you have questions about signing up or want to talk through your options with a trained professional, free help is just a call or quick away. Call [1-800-318-2596](tel:1-800-318-2596), visit localhelp.healthcare.gov or [**make a one-on-one appointment now.**](#)

For more information about the weekend of action – or to request an interview – please contact Get America Covered at press@GetAmericaCovered.org.

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