



Hey Illinois: Do You Have Insurance Yet?

Starting January 1, 2014 under the Affordable Care Act, 1.6 million Illinoisans will have more affordable choices for health care coverage.

Specific benefits of the Affordable Care Act include:

New Coverage for the Uninsured

600,000 new Illinois residents who live under 138% of the Federal Poverty Line will now qualify for Medicaid, giving some of them access to regular health care for the first time in their lives.

More Financial Security with Affordable Care

Individuals and families who do not receive employer-based insurance will be eligible for a tax subsidy for incomes up to 400% of FPL to help make their purchase more affordable. In addition, no longer can insurance companies cap the annual or lifetime benefit for policyholders, or cancel a policy retroactively.

New, Standard Consumer Protections

Never again will someone be turned away from insurance due to a pre-existing condition, or a family member with special needs. The ACA has defined a set of essential health benefits, which includes emergency and ambulance services, maternity, mental health and substance abuse, rehab, lab costs, and prescription drugs.

Health Care, Not "Sick" Care

The ACA requires a defined set of preventive benefits to be provided without co-pay. In other words, insurers will be required to include wellness care and prevention without cost to the policyholder.

Sign-up ends March 31st, 2014.

Want to learn more? CBHC has ACA Navigators on staff available for presentations and enrollment assistance in your congregation or community.

Email IPC@cbhconline.org to request an event, or Call 312-913-9449 (upstate) or 217-352-5600 (downstate).



The Faith Caucus of the Campaign for Better Health Care is

Making a Joyful Noise to the Lord!

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. ³ Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

-Psalm 100

For decades, millions of Americans were barred from health coverage due to health status, job status or economic status. But now we can celebrate! Sing a song, ring a bell, blow a horn or shofar, or sound the call to worship; **this year we celebrate** that coverage is available for those uninsured in Illinois. Only weeks remain for enrollment under the Affordable Care Act – Are you signed up?

The Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment period ends March 31, 2014!

Make a Joyful Noise – and Enroll!

The Faith Caucus of the Campaign for Better Health Care is a statewide, interfaith network of clergy, congregations, faith organizations, and coalitions advocating for a health care system that provides quality, affordable health care for all. For more information, visit www.cbhconline.org/faith, or email jpalys@cbhconline.org