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FREE Health Fair and Open Enrollment Event on Saturday, January 16th *In-person Assistance Available to Help with Enrollment Process before January 31st Deadline*

CHICAGO – January 14, 2015. The Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI) announced today that Illinois residents can still enroll in or change plans for new coverage to start March 1, 2016. The final enrollment deadline is Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Get Covered Illinois is encouraging all Illinois residents to enroll before the January 31st deadline. The fine for not having health insurance is increasing this year. If you don't have health coverage in 2016, residents risk having to pay \$695 or more for the year.

Get Covered Illinois, in partnership with Be Covered Illinois, The Chicago Department of Public Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and United Way will host a free health fair and Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollment event on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Roberto Clemente High School in Chicago. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Free in-person assistors will be available to enroll residents in health coverage and determine financial help.

The Chicago Department of Public Health is also providing TDap and Flu Shots free of charge, and its *Keep Your Heart Healthy* Program is offering Blood Pressure Screenings and counseling, administered by the Greater Humboldt Community Diabetes Empowerment Center.

WHO: Get Covered Illinois
Be Covered Illinois
Chicago Department of Public Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
United Way

WHAT: Free Health Fair and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Enrollment Event

WHEN: Saturday, January 16, 2016
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Roberto Clemente High School
1147 N. Western Ave.
Chicago, IL 60622
**Free parking is available

The following organizations will be on hand during the fair to provide information about health services:

- Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Inc.
- Norwegian American Hospital
- DuPage County Health Department
- Howard Brown Health Center
- Fenix Family Health Center
- Indo-American Center
- Sinai Community Institute
- Patient Innovation Center
- Pilsen Wellness Center
- Access Community Health Network
- Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Healthcare Alternative Systems
- CFL Workers' Assistance Committee
- Planned Parenthood of IL
- Greater Elgin Family Health Center
- Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition
- The Chicago Urban League

Illinois residents looking to enroll or need assistance in finishing the health care enrollment process can visit the Get Covered Illinois website at www.GetCoveredIllinois.gov or call 1-866-311-1119.

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About Be Covered Illinois

Be Covered Illinois is a grassroots campaign comprised of more than 75 community partner and social service organizations focused on helping Illinoisans understand how the Affordable Care Act affects them. Its aim is to provide information about healthcare, health insurance coverage, and options and resources available to them through the Affordable Care Act. Since its inception, *Be Covered Illinois* has hosted hundreds of educational events across the state, and distributed materials in multiple languages to help people better understand the often-confusing topics of healthcare and health insurance. For more information about *Be Covered Illinois*, visit:

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