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New Hampshire Health Insurance Marketplace Website Launches

Covering New Hampshire Website Helps Granite Staters Navigate New Healthcare Choices

CONCORD, NH – Dec. 24, 2013 – A new website launched today at CoveringNewHampshire.org to help New Hampshire residents and small employers learn more about health coverage options under the new Marketplace and find out about plans and health networks. The site provides New Hampshire-specific information to Granite Staters about the eleven plans they can choose from, financial assistance they may qualify for and where to find in-person assistance in their area.

The site, CoveringNewHampshire.org, is part of Covering New Hampshire, a statewide effort by the New Hampshire Health Plan (NHHP) to educate Granite Staters about the new coverage options available to them and connect New Hampshire residents with specific information to help them make coverage decisions.

“If you are a New Hampshire resident and are looking to purchase health insurance for you or your family, or just want to learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace in our state, CoveringNewHampshire.org is a great asset,” says Mike Degnan, executive director for the New Hampshire Health Plan. “The site will allow you to compare plans and find one that one meets your needs and your budget before you enroll.”

The new Health Insurance Marketplace provides New Hampshire residents with new options for health and dental coverage and provides financial assistance for individuals who qualify. Individuals with incomes between 100%-400% of the federal poverty level (\$11,500 to \$46,000 for an individual or between \$22,550 and \$94,200 for a family of four) may qualify for tax credits to lower the cost of the insurance and may also be eligible for cost sharing subsidies to reduce what they pay out of pocket for care.

CoveringNewHampshire.org helps consumers prepare to apply for coverage at the online portal of Healthcare.gov, by phone, via mail, or in person using a single, streamlined application. While enrollment in the Marketplace started in October, and coverage becomes effective on January 1, 2014, this initial open enrollment period will last through March 31, 2014.

More information about how to enroll in the Marketplace may be obtained by calling 1-800-318-2596. If you would rather schedule an appointment for one-on-one assistance in-person or over the phone in New Hampshire, you will find a list of in person assisters in your area at CoveringNewHampshire.org.

About Covering New Hampshire: Covering New Hampshire is the official, free resource for Granite Staters to learn about the Health Insurance Marketplace and the new, affordable health insurance plans that are available to them.

About the New Hampshire Health Plan: The New Hampshire Health Plan (NHHP) is a non-profit organization providing health coverage under state statute to New Hampshire residents who otherwise may have trouble obtaining insurance.