# New Health Coverage for Illinoisans

**Starting on October 1,** Illinoisans will be able to enroll in affordable, comprehensive health plans through Illinois' health insurance marketplace. Coverage begins on January 1, 2014.

# FACTS

# **1,739,000** Illinoisans will be able to receive financial help for health insurance. This includes:

#### 782,000

estimated to be eligible for coverage through the expanded **Medicaid** program

### 957,000

estimated to be eligible for **premium tax credits** through the marketplace

#### PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS WILL BE COVERED

5,636,000

Illinoisans with pre-existing conditions can no longer be turned down or charged more for coverage.

#### YOUNG ADULTS BENEFIT THE MOST



**41 percent of uninsured Illinoisans are ages 18-34.** Young adults are the age group most likely to be uninsured, because they are more likely to be unemployed or to earn low wages that make health coverage unaffordable. Therefore, they stand to gain the most.

For example, looking only at the financial help provided by the new premium tax credits, **more than one-third of eligible individuals in Illinois will be ages 18-34** (approximately 361,000 young adults). Furthermore, since young adults earn disproportionately lower wages, they will receive larger premium tax credits than their older counterparts, who generally earn higher wages.



#### THOSE WITH THE GREATEST NEED WILL GET THE MOST HELP

#### **3 CASE STUDIES**

Medicaid will provide comprehensive coverage to the lowest-income residents (those with incomes up to 138 percent of poverty—\$15,856 for an individual or \$26,951 for a family of three).

# The Andersons: **family of three**

Annual income: **\$23,000** (about 120% of poverty)

The Andersons apply for coverage through the marketplace. Based on their income, they are enrolled in Medicaid.

Starting on January 1, they will **receive comprehensive health coverage** at little or no cost.

Premium tax credits will make coverage affordable for those with incomes up to 400 percent of poverty—\$45,960 for an individual or \$78,120 for a family of three.

## The Johnsons: **family of three**

Annual income: **\$29,000** (about 150% of poverty)

## Estimated marketplace premium: \$8,250\*

#### Price for the Johnsons:

An income-based tax credit will ensure that the Johnsons pay only 4 percent of their income, approximately **\$1,172 (\$98 a month)**, for coverage.

**Size of tax credit:** The remainder of the premium will be covered by a tax credit of **\$7,078**.

The Robinsons: family of three Annual income: **\$39,000** (about 200% of poverty)

### Estimated marketplace premium: \$8,250\*

#### **Price for the Robinsons:**

An income-based tax credit will ensure that the Robinsons pay only 6.3 percent of their income, approximately **\$2,461 (\$205 a month)**, for coverage.

#### Size of tax credit:

The remainder of the premium will be covered by a tax credit of **\$5,789**.

\*Estimated premium for the marketplace's silver level reference plan, the premium on which tax credit amounts are based. Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, *Quantifying Tax Credits for People Now Buying Insurance on Their Own*, August 2013.

#### ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

#### **Starting on October 1, Illinoisans can:**

**Apply** for financial help, **compare** health plan options, and **enroll** in the plan of their choice through Illinois' health insurance marketplace. Coverage begins on January 1. **Visit healthcare.gov or call 800-318-2596.** 

#### ▶ Today, Illinoisans can:

Get questions answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Call 800-318-2596** or live chat at **healthcare.gov** (CuidadoDeSalud.gov for Spanish speakers).

Translators for more than 150 other languages are available at **800-318-2596**.

# Learn about the marketplace and create a marketplace account.

Learn more about how to get health coverage through the marketplace and set up an account to prepare for enrollment at **healthcare.gov.** 

#### in-person HELP

Throughout Illinois, **in-person assistance will be available** to help people enroll in coverage. Organizations that have received grants to operate in-person assistance programs include, but are not limited to:



Access Community Health Network www.accesscommunityhealth.net

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. www.adasmckinley.org

AIDS Foundation of Chicago www.aidschicago.org

Alivio Medical Center www.aliviomedicalcenter.org

American Indian Health Service of Chicago, Inc. www.ihs.gov/oscar/export\_pdf.cfm?Sub mission\_UUID=C8153EA9-9C68-D949-177 49EA3A0135CDA Asian Health Coaltion www.asianhealth.org

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Inc. www.auntmarthas.org

Beloved Community Family Wellness Center www.bcfwc.org

Campaign for Better Health Care www.cbhconline.org

Center for Economic Progress www.economicprogress.org

Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee www.cflwac.org

**Community Nurse Health Association** www.communitynurse.org

**CommunityHealth** www.communityhealth.org

**Connections for the Homeless Inc.** www.cfthinc.org/wordpress

**DuPage County Health Department** www.dupagehealth.org

**The East Los Angeles Community Union** www.telacu.com

**El Hogar del Niño** www.elhogardelnino.org

Erie Family Health Center www.eriefamilyhealth.org

Family Guidance Centers Inc. www.fgcinc.org

Genesis Health System www.genesishealth.com

Greater Elgin Family Care Center www.gefcc.org

Healthcare Alternative Systems Inc. www.hascares.org

Heartland Human Care Services www.heartlandalliance.org

Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies www.iacaanet.org

The Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators www.iapha.com

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights www.icirr.org Illinois College of Optometry www.ico.edu

Illinois' Community Health Centers www.bphc.hrsa.gov/outreachandenrollment

Illinois Migrant Council www.illinoismigrant.org

Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living www.incil.org

Kendall County Health Department health.co.kendall.il.us

Lake County Health Department health.lakecountyil.gov

Leyden Family Services & Mental Health Center www.leydenfamilyservice.org

Local 4 SEIU Health & Welfare Fund www.seiuhcilin.org

Local Initiatives Support Corporation www.lisc.org

McHenry County Department of Health www.co.mchenry.il.us

Mercy Hospital and Medical Center www.mercy-chicago.org

National Council of Urban Indian Health www.ncuih.org

Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center www.pilsenwellnesscenter.org

**Puerto Rican Cultural Center** www.prcc-chgo.org

A Safe Haven Foundation www.asafehaven.org

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center www.sarahbush.org

Sinai Community Institute www.sinaicommunityinstitute.org

Sinai Health System www.sinai.org

South Suburban PADS www.sspads.org

Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation www.sihf.org

Southland Health Care Forum www.southlandhealthcareforum.org

**Springfield Urban League Inc.** www.springfieldul.org **United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc.** www.uw-mc.org

VNA Health Care www.vnafoxvalley.org

Westside Health Authority www.healthauthority.org

Will County Health Department www.willcountyhealth.org

Winnebago County Health Department www.wchd.org

### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT **PROGRESS**

Since the Affordable Care Act passed, Illinoisans have already experienced many gains that have made health coverage and care more accessible and affordable.

# 125,000

Approximate number of young adults in Illinois who have gained insurance by staying on their parents' health plans until they turn 26.

# 178,581

Illinoisans who received rebates totaling \$6,135,984 from their insurance companies in 2012 because those companies failed to spend at least 80-85 percent of their premium dollars on health care.

# 1,271,704

Medicare beneficiaries in Illinois who received at least one cost-free preventive service—such as an annual check-up, mammogram, or bone mass measurement in 2012.

# 133,889

Medicare Part D beneficiaries in Illinois who **received discounts on brand-name drugs** in 2012 while in the coverage gap known as the "doughnut hole," with **an average \$716 in savings** per beneficiary.

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