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Public Health Department Announces Open Enrollment Opportunities to Learn What Health Care Coverage Can Do

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is continuing its campaign to increase enrollment in affordable health insurance with opportunities designed to enroll people into health care coverage. Certified Application Counselors will be available to assist with Medi-Cal and Covered California health plan enrollment and renewals throughout the November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 Open Enrollment period.

"I am thrilled to kick-off another exciting open enrollment period. We encourage enrollment into health care coverage and want to make it as easy as possible for people to enroll in Covered California," said Public Health Director, Takashi Wada, MD.

The Public Health Department has made it simple to apply. In addition to the scheduled events listed, community members may set an appointment Monday through Friday and bring essential documentation related to residency and income. Individuals do not have to be a Public Health patient and all assistance is provided free of charge and is available in English and Spanish. To learn more, residents are encouraged to contact their local Health Care Center.

Since January 2014, the Public Health Department has assisted more than 12,000 people and successfully enrolled over 6,000 into Medi-Cal or Covered California. With the new Open Enrollment period starting November 1, the department is expanding on this momentum through its county-wide outreach campaign.

WHERE

Lompoc Health Care Center (805) 737-6400
 301 N. "R" Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Carpinteria Health Care Center (805) 560-1050
 931 Walnut Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

Santa Maria Health Care Center (805) 346-7230
 2115 S. Centerpointe Pkwy, Santa Maria, CA 93455

Franklin Health Care Center (805) 568-2099
 1136 E. Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Santa Barbara Health Care Center (805) 681-5488
 345 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

WHEN

November 14, 2015
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

December 5, 2015
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

December 12, 2015
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

January 9, 2016
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

January 23, 2016
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information on the events please contact the Benefits and Referral Center at 805-681-5393.

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