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Nevada Health Link hosts virtual press conference to kick off Open Enrollment for Qualified Health Plans, November 2

Participants/speakers include: Gov. Steve Sisolak, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, Sen. Jacky Rosen and Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford

Event is not open to the public, for media members only

WHAT:

Nevada Health Link (NHL), the online health insurance marketplace operated by the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange), hosts a virtual press conference to kick off Open Enrollment for Qualified Health Plans 2021 on November 2. The event is not open to the public and is intended for media only.

Joining Nevada Health Link leadership are Gov. Steve Sisolak, Nevada; U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada; U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen, Nevada; and Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford, to encourage Nevadans to explore their health insurance options and to educate them on the benefits of having a Nevada Health Link plan.

This year, Nevada Health Link is working with **five carriers**, two of which are new to the Exchange, and offering a combined **50 plans**, nearly doubling the number from last year. **Health Plan of Nevada (HPN)**, **SilverSummit (Ambetter)** and **Anthem HMO Co** are returning carriers, while **Friday Health Plans and SelectHealth** are new carriers. Nevada Health Link is also connecting consumers with **dental and vision plans**.

All plans offered through NHL are **Affordable Care Act-compliant**, covering the **ten essential health benefits** including **pre-existing conditions** and all **COVID-19-related diagnosis and treatment**. Exchange plans are ideal for those who don't qualify for Medicare or Medicaid but still need financial assistance; those who don't have employee-sponsored health insurance, including independent contractors and gig workers; and anyone seeking comprehensive, quality and affordable plans. This year's Open Enrollment starts **November 1, 2020 and runs through January 15, 2021** – giving consumers 30 additional days to enroll in health insurance.

Remarks will cover the current state of the health insurance landscape and the growing importance of having coverage, especially during the global pandemic; consumer information on how to navigate NevadaHealthLink.com, which celebrates its eighth Open Enrollment and its second year operating as a State Based Exchange (SBE); details about how consumers may qualify for subsidies to help offset the costs of monthly premiums, a benefit exclusive to Nevada Health Link plans; and the various ways consumers can access enrollment assistance, including no in person contact, virtual assistance and socially-distanced inperson help, for those who prefer it.



WHEN: Monday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Virtual press conference via Zoom.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://nevadahealthlink.zoom.us/j/83206087208

Or Telephone: (888) 204-5984 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 762545

WHO: Heather Korbulic, Executive Director, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange

Gov. Steve Sisolak, Nevada

U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada

U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen, Nevada

Nevada Attorney General Aaron D. Ford

MEDIA: Media encouraged to RSVP by contacting Cherryl Kaopua for cherryl@twgpr.com.

About Nevada Health Link

Nevada Health Link is the online insurance marketplace operated by the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange), which was established per *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) in 2011 by the State of Nevada and began operations in 2013 on the belief that all Nevadans deserve access to health insurance. In 2019, the Exchange transitioned away from the federal marketplace, HealthCare.gov and became a fully operational State Based Exchange (SBE), in time for its seventh Open Enrollment Period. Nevada Health Link connects eligible Nevada residents to budget-appropriate health, dental and vision coverage and is the only place where qualifying consumers can receive federal tax credits to help cover premium costs. For more information or to see if you're eligible for a Special Enrollment Period, visit our website. Subscribe to Nevada Health Link's Blog and YouTube channel, like them on Facebook or follow on Twitter and Instagram. For Open Enrollment campaign video, resource guides and more, visit Nevada Health Link's media assets page. Nevada Health Link always encourages consumers to use the free assistance of a licensed enrollment professional by calling 1-800-547-2927 or by visiting NevadaHealthLink.com.