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Nevada Health Link Commemorates the 12th Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act After Record-Breaking Enrollment Period

Over 100,000 Nevadans are enrolled with health coverage thanks to the ACA

(CARSON CITY, Nev.) – Today marks the 12th anniversary since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010. The ACA has been one of the most significant health care reform landmarks in the United States and has had a great impact on providing more affordable and qualified health care in Nevada.

The ACA is credited for the creation and ongoing operations of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange), Nevada's state agency that helps individuals get connected to budget-appropriate health coverage through the online marketplace, Nevada Health Link.

This year, Nevada achieved its most successful enrollment with over 100,000 Nevadans enrolled in health insurance during Nevada Health Link's two-and-a-half month Open Enrollment Period (OEP) that ran from November to mid-January. There was nearly a 25% increase in enrollments from last year's enrollment period, ranking Nevada the most increased in enrollments out of all State Based Exchanges (SBE) and 17th out of all exchanges in the country.

"As we enter the 12th year since enactment, the ACA continues to emphasize the importance of affordable coverage for all Nevadans," said Ryan High, Executive Director of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. "As we slowly transition out of a global health crisis, many Nevadans have recognized that illness and life-altering events can be unpredictable. That is why the Exchange remains focused on protecting all individuals and their families by offering affordable health insurance plans on NevadaHealthLink.com and being the only place Nevadans can receive federal subsidies to reduce the cost of monthly premiums."

Lower monthly premiums were made possible as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed by President Biden in 2021. Within the last year, Americans were able to benefit from expanded subsidies, lower premiums and access to applying for health insurance outside of the traditional open enrollment windows.

Although the Open Enrollment Period has concluded, there are still some who may be eligible to sign up for plans through Nevada Health Link, including those experiencing Qualifying Life



Events (QLEs), such as losing health insurance, change of employment or income, getting married, having a child or moving. A full list of QLE's may be found online here.

Visit <u>NevadaHealthLink.com</u> to find out more information on ACA-compliant health insurance plans and for the latest news and updates.

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ABOUT NEVADA HEALTH LINK:

NevadaHealthLink.com 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 (OEP). This is the third year Nevada Health Link is operating as a state based exchange. NevadaHealthLink.com connects eligible Nevada residents to budget-appropriate health and dental 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, visit our website; subscribe to Nevada Health Link's Blog and YouTube channel; like them on Facebook or follow on Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.

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.