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Nevada Health Link Celebrates the 13th Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act Over 800,000 Nevadans have enrolled in affordable health coverage thanks to the ACA and Nevada Health Link's ongoing community partnerships and outreach initiatives

(CARSON CITY, Nev.) – <u>Nevada Health Link</u> commemorates 13 years since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama. The ACA is credited for the creation and ongoing operations of Nevada Health Link, Nevada's state agency that facilitates the sale of qualified health and dental plans. Since the inception of the ACA, Nevada Health Link has enrolled over 800,000 individuals to get connected to budget-appropriate health coverage through the online health insurance marketplace, <u>NevadaHealthLink.com</u>.

Since its passing on March 23, 2010, the landmark health reform law has proven to be one of the most significant health care reform landmarks in the United States and has had a critical impact on providing more affordable and qualified health care to tens of thousands of Nevadans across the Silver State.

Since becoming a fully operational State-Based Exchange (SBE) in Plan Year 2019, Nevada Health Link has made great strides to build and foster community partnerships. In doing so, the SBE has been able to help reach more Nevadans and spread greater visibility and education into Nevada Health Link's resources, to ensure all Nevadans have access and information to quality and affordable health insurance.

"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, Nevada Health Link, with the support of local partnerships, has been able to grow awareness to communities across the state – from North to South, urban to rural – about the physical and financial importance of having reliable health insurance coverage," said Ryan High, Executive Director of Nevada Health Link. "We value the incredible partnerships and the many diverse organizations we have worked with over the years to ensure our community's health and wellness is top of mind each and every day."



Nevada Health Link has partnered with dozens of organizations across the state, including the Asian Community Resource Center (ACRC), The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada (The Center), Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), the Latin Chamber and the Mexican Patriotic Committee. During the most recent Open Enrollment Period that ended January 15, Nevada Health Link attended at least 68 community events, making an estimated 38,525 interactions with Nevadans to talk about health insurance. Nevada Health Link has also partnered with community organizations to host important discussions around health disparities, barriers amongst minorities and underrepresented communities, as well as spreading awareness about where and how Nevadans can get access to essential resources in the community. Because of these efforts, Nevada Health Link has opened doors for more individuals to safely and securely get insured.

"Nevada Health Link is instrumental in connecting the LGBTQ community and underserved patrons of The Center to much-needed health insurance. Our partnership with Nevada Health Link provides valuable resources to help our clients access quality health insurance options when they don't qualify for Medicare, Medicaid or might not have employer-sponsored health insurance," said Mona Lisa Paulo, Director Of Clinic and HIV Services at The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada. "We are proud to be a wellness service hub at the Arlene Cooper Community Health Center. And for the 70,000+ visitors that come to The Center yearly, we are proud to link them to valuable resources to promote and improve self-sufficiency among our Southern Nevada neighbors."

Nevada Health Link is currently in its Special Enrollment Period, eligible to those experiencing Qualifying Life Events (QLEs), including losing health insurance, change of employment or income, getting married, having a child or moving are encouraged to visit NevadaHealthLink.com to avoid a lapse in coverage. A full list of QLEs may be found online <u>here</u>.

Visit <u>NevadaHealthLink.com</u> to find out more information on ACA-compliant health insurance plans and to see where Nevada Health Link will be tabling next in Northern and Southern Nevada neighborhoods.

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ABOUT NEVADA HEALTH LINK:

<u>NevadaHealthLink.com</u> is Nevada's online health insurance marketplace for qualified and affordable health plans. NevadaHealthLink.com is operated by the state agency, the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, and is the only place where qualifying consumers can receive federal tax credits to help lower the costs of monthly premiums. The state-based marketplace offers over 160 different plan options across seven health insurance carriers. Nevada Health Link also partners with multiple dental carriers and offers vision plans through VSP. Nevada Health Link is ideal for those who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid and do not have



employer-sponsored health insurance. Open Enrollment Period runs from November 1 through January 15. Outside of open enrollment, Nevadans who have experienced a Qualifying Life Event (QLE) such as loss of insurance (including Medicaid determinations), getting married or divorced, moving or having a baby, can qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. For Nevadans who lose Medicaid benefits during the redetermination process, accounts will be transferred to Nevada Health Link. For more information, visit NevadaHealthLink.com; subscribe to Nevada Health Link's <u>YouTube</u> channel; like us on <u>Facebook</u> or follow on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>TikTok</u>. Nevada Health Link encourages consumers to use the free assistance of a licensed enrollment professional by calling 1-800-547-2927 or by visiting <u>NevadaHealthLink.com</u>.