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SILVER STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE PARTNERS WITH DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TO EXPAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO MORE NEVADANS
New partnership expands Community Health Worker program to increase connections to insurance coverage

Reno, Nev. – The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, Nevada's marketplace for budget-appropriate health plans, has partnered with the Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDPHP) Section of the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health to expand the state's Online Hybrid Community Health Worker (CHW) training program.

The partnership will double the number of students able to enroll in the eight-week training program to 42 students per quarter and add Certified Application Counselor (CAC) training and a Navigating Insurance Coverage module to the existing core CHW training.

"The new partnership with DPBH to expand the Community Health Worker training program is a tremendous benefit to both the students and Nevadans who will be served by them," said Bruce Gilbert, Executive Director of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. "The goal of this partnership is to increase Nevadans' connections to insurance coverage by utilizing an already existing, successful program in a cost-effective way to expand our outreach."

In addition to the CHW training expansion, the CDPHP was also awarded a Connecting with Kids grant to support the employment of six CHWs who will specifically reach out to uninsured children and their families, enrolling them in health insurance and facilitating access to care.

"The expansion of the CHW training and program will fill a critical gap in insurance outreach for Nevadans," said Jenni Bonk, Section Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion within DPBH. "The mission of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotions is to maximize the health of Nevadans and insurance outreach fits squarely within that mission. Partnering with another state agency maximizes critical public dollars."

Individuals who have already completed the existing CHW training will immediately be able to access and complete the new specialized training modules. New CHW candidates will be able to take the new modules simultaneously with the existing CHW trainings.

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