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Nearly 88 Percent of Enrollees Qualify for Advance Premium Tax Credits through Nevada Health Link

Carson City, Nev. - With only approximately seven weeks left in Open Enrollment for 2017 health plans, the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange) reminds Nevada residents to visit [Nevada Health Link](#), the online marketplace for budget-appropriate health plans and access to free, convenient assistance with experienced licensed enrollment professionals statewide.

The Exchange reached a new milestone when it enrolled more than 88,000 Nevadans during the 2016 enrollment period alone, but there remains an estimated 12 percent of uninsured Nevadans. Nearly 88¹ percent of residents who have enrolled through Nevada Health Link in the past have qualified for Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) and other subsidies, which are only available through the state's Exchange.

"The majority of residents who undergo the enrollment process are pleased to find out they qualify for tax credits or subsidies," said Heather Korbolic, executive director of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. "But there remains an alarming number of uninsured residents who also qualify for tax credits and subsidies, essentially leaving money on the table they could be putting towards getting covered. The average APTC in Nevada is \$268², making health plans more affordable for many households statewide. The Exchange's scope of coverage continues to be diverse, competitive and backed by a broader set of benefits than traditional plans, providing more value for the dollar and more peace of mind for Nevadans."

An [October 2016 snapshot](#) published by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) revealed that, nationwide, of the approximate 10.4 million consumers enrolled in marketplace plans in 2016, about 84 percent, or approximately 8.8 million consumers, were receiving APTCs and 56 percent, or nearly 5.9 million consumers, were benefiting from cost sharing reductions (CSRs) to make their coverage and covered services more affordable.

The enrollment period for health insurance began November 1 and continues through Jan. 31, 2017. It is recommended that individuals answer a list of pre-screening questions [here](#) to determine qualification for free or reduced medical coverage. Applicants must provide various documents to enroll, including proof of residency, proof of income, valid identification card and proof of U.S. citizenship.

The Exchange was established per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) in 2011 by the State of Nevada, and operations began in 2013, on the belief that all Nevadans deserve access to health insurance. Nevada Health Link, the state-based online marketplace, supported by healthcare.gov, allows Nevadans to shop for health insurance and provides federal tax credits and subsidies to help cover the cost of insurance for those who qualify. For more information about health insurance offered through Nevada Health Link, call 1-855-768-5465, visit www.nevadahealthlink.com, subscribe to Nevada Health Link's [blog](#), like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

¹ Health Insurance Marketplace 2015: Average Premiums After Advance Premium Tax Credits Through January 0 in 37 States Using the Healthcare.gov Platform, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, February 17, 2015

² Estimated Total Premium Tax Credits Received by Marketplace Enrollees, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, March 31, 2016