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Consumers Encouraged to “Window Shop” Insurance Plans on Nevada Health Link
*Health Plan of Nevada, SilverSummit, and Anthem HMO Co to offer a total of 27 on-Exchange plans;
Average rate change on the Exchange is only 1.6 percent*

Carson City, Nev. – The Silver State Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange), Nevada’s state agency that helps connect individuals to budget-appropriate health coverage through the online marketplace, [Nevada Health Link](http://NevadaHealthLink.com), announces that beginning today, October 3, consumers can start “window shopping” for health insurance plans ahead of the Nov. 1 through Dec. 15 open enrollment period.

Consumers can choose from 27 qualified health plans offered through three insurance carriers – Health Plan of Nevada and SilverSummit, both of which are returning to the Exchange from the previous year, as well as Anthem HMO Co., rejoining the Exchange for Plan Year 2020. All 27 plans will be available to Nevada residents in Clark, Nye and Washoe counties. SilverSummit and Anthem HMO Co. will offer 17 plans to residents in Nevada’s 14 rural counties including Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and White Pine. Six carriers will offer stand-alone dental plans to Nevada residents statewide. They include: Alpha, EMI, Delta, Liberty, Best and Rocky Mountain.

The opportunity to window shop will allow consumers the chance to preview all 2020 plans, while exploring details about monthly premiums, deductibles, out-of-pocket costs, co-payments and coinsurance amounts. Additionally, consumers can get a general idea of how much financial assistance they may be eligible to receive once enrollment begins. It will also give consumers an opportunity to explore Nevada’s new State Based Exchange at NevadaHealthLink.com. Beginning Nov. 1, 2019, Nevada residents will no longer use the federal marketplace known as HealthCare.gov for enrollment. Instead, they will enroll in health and dental plans at NevadaHealthLink.com.

“We look forward to offering consumers an early preview of plan year 2020 options in advance of open enrollment on Nevada’s new enrollment platform,” said Heather Korbolic, executive director, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. “Individuals and families will have an opportunity to compare plans without having to create an account or submit information before they formally apply for coverage when open enrollment begins November 1.”

The Nevada Division of Insurance recently announced that on-Exchange plans would see an average rate increase of only 1.6 percent for Plan Year 2020, which demonstrates stabilization in the on-Exchange market.

“We are pleased that two insurance carriers from last year have decided to continue their partnership with the Exchange to ensure consumers have many choices when shopping for health insurance. The Exchange

welcomes Anthem HMO Co. back to the on-Exchange market,” said Heather Korbolic, executive director, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. "We want to remind consumers that over 80 percent of enrollees qualify for financial assistance to make health insurance even more affordable. There are a significant number of uninsured Nevadans who may also qualify but are not enrolled, leaving themselves and their families vulnerable to steep and unexpected costs of medical care. The plans on the Exchange are competitively priced, providing value for the dollar and more peace of mind for Nevadans."

Nevada Health Link offers comprehensive and consumer-friendly tools to educate consumers and connect them to free enrollment assistance. Consumers and enrollees are encouraged to contact an agent/broker or certified enrollment counselor in their area to set up an appointment for enrollment assistance over the phone or in-person. Those who wish to make an appointment should call 1-800-547-2927.

Open enrollment for Plan Year 2020 starts on Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 15, 2019 on the Exchange's new State Based Exchange enrollment and eligibility platform at NevadaHealthLink.com. Consumers who plan on shopping or re-enrolling on Nevada Health Link are encouraged to start their research and planning process early. 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.

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