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STATEMENT OF ACAP CEO MARGARET A. MURRAY ON HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACES AND THEIR PROMISE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, WORKERS

WASHINGTON—ACAP CEO Margaret A. Murray issued the following statement on the eve of the launch of open enrollment for Health Insurance Marketplaces:

“October 1, 2013 has been circled on our calendars since March 23, 2010—the date the Affordable Care Act was signed.

“The start of open enrollment for Health Insurance Marketplaces tomorrow is a milestone in the effort to extend health coverage to millions of our fellow Americans for whom insurance had been out of reach. It brings affordable coverage options to millions of working Americans who were either priced out of the market for insurance, or shut out of the market entirely owing to a pre-existing condition.

“With strong ties to their local communities and their efforts to improve the health of vulnerable populations, ACAP-member Safety Net Health Plans are uniquely positioned to serve low-income working families who will receive subsidized coverage through the Marketplaces. Many low-income families receive coverage for their children through CHIP or Medicaid, and Safety Net Health Plans offer a familiar, community-based provider network.

“Low-income families in particular stand to benefit from the Health Insurance Marketplaces. ACAP estimates that 1 in 3 Marketplace issuers also offers a Medicaid plan. This means that families whose eligibility may be split between Medicaid and subsidized Marketplace coverage will be able to enroll with a single issuer. The same is true for low-income workers whose eligibility may change between Medicaid and subsidized Marketplace coverage; having options that span Medicaid and Exchanges promotes continuity of care.

“Seventeen ACAP-member Safety Net Health Plans will open their doors to new members through the Marketplaces beginning tomorrow (see attached list). Their participation in the Marketplaces is the result of countless hours and late nights preparing their plans for this new coverage environment. ACAP commends the considerable efforts of these plans, as well as those of the staff at state Marketplaces and the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, to prepare for this day.

“But this is a beginning, not an end. As was the case with Medicare Part D and other programs of this scale, the days ahead will involve refinements and adjustments to be made. And more plans will join the Marketplaces in 2015 and subsequent years.

“ACAP and its member Safety Net Health Plans are ready to help. Tomorrow, seventeen will be open for business on the Marketplaces.”



ACAP Plans Participating in Health Insurance Marketplaces

1. Affinity Health Plan (N.Y.)
2. Alameda Alliance for Health (as Alliance Select) (Calif.)
3. Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan (Mass.)
4. CareSource (as Just4Me) (Ohio)
5. Colorado Access (as Access Health Colorado)
6. Community Health Choice (Texas)
7. Community Health Plan of Washington (as Community HealthEssentials)
8. Contra Costa Health Plan (Calif.)
9. Denver Health Medical Plan (as Elevate Health Plans) (Colo.)
10. L.A. Care Health Plan (as L.A. Care Covered) (Calif.)
11. MDwise (Ind.)
12. Neighborhood Health Plan (Mass.)
13. Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island
14. Network Health (as Network Health Direct) (Mass.)
15. Sendero Health Plans, Inc. (as IdealCare) (Texas)
16. University of Arizona Health Plans (Ariz.)
17. UPMC Health Plan (as UPMC Advantage) (Pa.)

About ACAP

ACAP represents 58 nonprofit Safety Net Health Plans in 24 states, which collectively serve more than ten million people enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other public health programs. For more information, visit www.communityplans.net.

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