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Second Round of Medicaid Automatic Enrollment Letters Sent
58,390 consumers enrolled for Medicaid Expansion

CHARLESTON, W.Va.—West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Cabinet Secretary Karen L. Bowling today announced a second round of 61,000 auto-enrollment letters have been mailed to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients and parents of children covered by Medicaid notifying them that they may automatically qualify for Medicaid coverage.

To date, West Virginia has determined 58,390 consumers eligible for Medicaid expansion.

"This letter provides West Virginians a streamlined process by which to have eligibility determined for Medicaid expansion" Bowling said. "We are pleased with our enrollment numbers thus far, but are continuing our outreach efforts to make this process simple and convenient and to let folks know they may qualify for Medicaid."

The recipients of the second letter received a simple form (attached) asking if they wish to auto-enroll in Medicaid coverage. A response from the recipients is requested by December 18, 2013 to their local DHHR office. Applicants will be notified on their eligibility by late December 2013.

The Affordable Care Act of 2010 gave states, including West Virginia, the option to expand their Medicaid program to include individuals who were not previously eligible. In 2013, West Virginia chose to expand Medicaid coverage.

"If you are between the ages of 19 and 64, you may qualify for Medicaid with coverage starting January 2014," Bowling added.

Eligibility for Medicaid will depend on two factors: modified adjusted income and the size of the household. Household size is determined based on who can be claimed on a federal tax return such as the head of the household, spouse, dependent children (biological, adopted, or stepchildren), and other relatives or non-relatives who qualify as dependents.

There are a variety of ways for West Virginians to apply for Medicaid, including:

- Online at www.wvinRoads.org
- By phoning the Federal call center at 1-800-318-2596
- In person at the local WV Department of Health and Human Resources office. A list of offices can be found at www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/county
- Many community agencies have navigators and/or in-person assisters to help with the application process. For those organizations, go to <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/>
- Online at the Health Insurance Marketplace at www.HealthCare.gov

The chart below provides general guidance on whether one qualifies for Medicaid based on household size and income.

Number of people in household	Your 2013 Modified Adjusted Yearly Income is no more than:
1	\$15,856
2	\$21,403
3	\$26,951
4	\$32,499

Modified Adjusted Income is based on federal tax rules for determining adjusted gross income with some modifications. Income of all adults, parents and spouses in the household is counted. Income of children or other tax dependents is counted only if they are required to file taxes. Income that is not counted includes: scholarships, grants, and awards used for educational purposes; child support income; workers compensation benefits; veteran's benefits; non-recurring lump sum payments; and certain American Indian and Alaska Native income.

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