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Get Covered Illinois Moves to the Department of Insurance

The State's Health Insurance Marketplace will continue to provide Illinoisans with access to affordable, quality health coverage

SPRINGFIELD – July 09, 2015. Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI) Director Anne Melissa Dowling, today announced the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace (IHIM), also known as Get Covered Illinois (GCI), will be administered by the department beginning August 1.

“The Department of Insurance welcomes the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace as its new home. This move will streamline program processes, improve efficiency, and align services leading to increased access to health coverage for Illinoisans,” said Director Dowling. “Consolidating Marketplace activities under a Division at the Department will promote a potential path to long term operational sustainability for Illinois to continue as a Partnership Marketplace.”

The mission of the Division will be to operate Get Covered Illinois (GCI). Get Covered Illinois will continue to provide Illinoisans with access to affordable, quality choice in health coverage. Through maintenance of the Get Covered Illinois website, Help Desk, and in-person assistance program, GCI will continue to serve as the trusted source helping Illinoisans with questions about their health insurance options and connecting Illinoisans to the federal Health Insurance Marketplace for federal financial assistance to make private health coverage more affordable.

“We look forward to working with the Department and our other partners to provide Illinois consumers with the tools and resources they need to get covered, stay covered and stay healthy,” said Karin Zosel, Executive Director for Get Covered Illinois.

Get Covered Illinois has resources to help Illinoisans access plans from the top insurance companies in the state to fit an individual's needs and budget. As of March 2015, more than 290,000 Illinois consumers have enrolled in the Marketplace. The GCI phone number is (866) 311-1119. More information is available at <http://getcovered.illinois.gov>

About the Illinois Department of Insurance

The Department's mission is to protect consumers by providing assistance and information, by efficiently regulating the insurance industry's market behavior and financial solvency, and by fostering a competitive insurance marketplace. The Illinois Department of Insurance assists consumers with all insurance complaints, including health, auto, life, and homeowner. Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department's website at insurance.illinois.gov or call our toll-free hotline at (866) 445-5364.

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