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Subject: Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act – November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016

Dear Colleague:

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act started on November 1st. In 2010, just before the Affordable Care Act took effect, **49.95 million individuals had no health insurance**. In fact, since the key provisions of the Affordable Care Act became law, **about 16.4 million uninsured people have gained coverage**, but we have a long way to go to cover millions more.

Millions of Americans count on HealthCare.gov for quality and affordable health coverage. This includes numerous individuals from constituencies we serve. Open Enrollment for 2016 coverage runs from **November 1, 2015** through **January 31, 2016**. To start the new year with coverage, individuals must sign up by December 15, 2015.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has identified segments of the populations who remain uninsured, but are eligible to receive coverage through the marketplace. Social Security is teaming up with HHS to conduct outreach events across the country to reach these uninsured populations and educate them about Social Security benefits and how to **#GetCovered** through HealthCare.gov. Providing affordable health care and preventative healthcare services decreases the likelihood of long term disability and the need for Social Security disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income.

If you have any upcoming events or activities that you would like for us to participate in, complete the form at www.socialsecurity.gov/agency/ask-for-a-speaker or contact Diandra Taylor of my staff at Diandra.Taylor@ssa.gov.

Thank you for your support.

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