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FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CONTRIBUTES TO AFFORDABLE CARE EFFORTS

Fresno County Public Library is partnering with the Fresno County Department of Social Services to provide help for those seeking to register for health care under the terms of the new Affordable Care Act. Beginning October 1st, the Library will provide assistance in the following ways.

1. An information table, hosted by Covered California representatives, at the Central Library on October 1st.
2. Information sessions at seven Fresno County Public Library branches throughout October and November, provided by Covered California.
3. Forty-three enrollment fairs throughout the month of November at 14 different Library branches. Trained volunteers or agents will be on hand at every event to answer questions; laptops will be provided for the purposes of enrollment. Spanish speakers will offer additional assistance at 28 sessions and a Hmong speaker will be available at four events. These enrollment fairs are provided courtesy of the Fresno County Department of Social Services. There will be an enrollment fair at one or more Fresno County Library branch every day throughout the month of November, with the exception of Sundays and holidays. December dates will be announced in early November.
4. A dedicated website that provides: the phone number and website for Covered California; a short video introduction on navigating one's options; dates, times and locations for informational sessions; dates, times and locations for enrollment sessions; and a link to background information on the Affordable Care Act. The website's address is www.fresnolibrary.org/aca.html.
5. Bookmarks and posters to direct residents toward additional assistance.

"The Library strives to provide its customers with reliable information for any question or informational need they may have," said Laurel Prysiazny, County Librarian. "Connecting customers with Affordable Care information is much like the help offered during tax season, when the Library offers forms at branches and provides space for organizations to assist individuals with their taxes."

A printer-friendly version of the October and November informational sessions and registration fairs is attached and can also be found online.

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