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Health Coverage Enrollment Assistance Available at Vista Community Clinic

VISTA, CA — With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in January, 2014, many more people will qualify for health insurance coverage through the expansion of Medi-Cal and the creation of Covered California.

Anticipating a surge in the number of people seeking enrollment assistance, Vista Community Clinic has expanded its team of trained Health Resource Advocates (HRAs) to provide information and guide applicants through the application process to obtain health insurance. The HRAs are stationed in all five clinic locations in Vista and Oceanside.

“Vista Community Clinic is gearing up for the launch of Covered California and the expansion of Medi-Cal,” said Nannette Stamm, the director of the clinic’s Health Promotion Center. “We are excited to have additional staff dedicated to help our community take advantage of these new and expanded programs.”

Vista Community Clinic’s assistance program went into effect on Aug. 19. In the first week alone, the HRAs helped 210 people complete health insurance applications.

In addition to help with health insurance enrollment, the HRAs provide information and referrals on an array of programs including Low Income Health Program (LIHP); CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps); CalWORKs; Vista Community’s Clinic’s clinical, preventive and education programs; and SDG&E programs for low-income households.

Appointments for assistance can be made by calling Vista Community Clinic at (760) 631-5000.
About Vista Community Clinic: With five locations in the cities of Vista and Oceanside, Vista Community Clinic provides high-quality, low-cost healthcare to more than 57,000 uninsured and low- to moderate-income members of the North County community. One in four Vista residents and one in eight in Oceanside receive care from Vista Community Clinic. For more information, please call (760) 631-5000 ext. 0 or visit www.vistacommunityclinic.org.