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OREGON HIV / AIDS CASE MANAGEMENT

OPEN ENROLLMENT STARTS 11/1/17

**KEEP CALM
AND
#GETCOVERED**

NOV. 1ST:
OPEN ENROLLMENT
STARTS

DEC. 15TH:
DEADLINE TO ENROLL IN
HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2018

JAN. 1ST:
COVERAGE
BEGINS

Visit Healthcare.Gov and Enroll in Coverage by December 15th

Next Meeting

No October Meeting

**Next Meeting
November 14th**

The ACA is still in place and open enrollment will occur 11/1-12/15! Even though funding for outreach and advertising has been cut we all need to all do our part to get the word out! It's up to us to make sure folks know!!

Social media is one way we can do that. Here are some places getting the word out!

<https://www.facebook.com/Out2Enroll/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FamiliesUSA/>

<https://twitter.com/GetUSCovered>

<https://getamericacovered.org/>

<https://twitter.com/familiesusa>

<https://twitter.com/Out2Enroll>

<https://twitter.com/YoungInvincible>

Protecting Your Social Security

by [Jim Borland, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Communications](#)



At Social Security, protecting your personal information is more important than ever. We continue to evaluate and improve our robust cyber-security program to safeguard your information. The thing is, we can't do it alone. You can help us secure your information by taking one of these steps: Open your personal [my Social Security](#) account. A [my Social Security](#) account is your gateway to many of our online services. Create your account today and take away the risk of someone else trying to create one in your name, even if they obtain your Social Security number.

If you already have a [my Social Security](#) account, but haven't signed in lately, take a moment to [login](#) to easily take advantage of our [second method](#) to identify you each time you log in. This is in addition to our first layer of security, a username and password. You can choose either your cell phone number or your email address as your second identification method. Using two ways to identify you when you sign on will help protect your account from unauthorized use and potential identity theft. If you suspect identity theft, report it to our [Office of the Inspector General](#) and visit www.identitytheft.gov.

If you know your Social Security information has been compromised, and if you don't want to do business with Social Security online, you can use our [Block Electronic Access](#). You can block any automated telephone and electronic access to your Social Security record. No one, including you, will be able to see or change your personal information on the internet or through our automated telephone service. If you block access to your record and then change your mind in the future, you can contact Social Security and ask us to unblock it after you prove your identity. This resource is available to certain victims of identity theft and those who need extra security.

We will continue to do our part to protect what's important to you. And we'll continue to advise you on how to protect yourself.



September 21, 2017

To Our Community:

As you know, there has been a lot of uncertainty in recent months about funding for health care, particularly at the national level. Threats of budget cuts for health care and prevention programs, attempts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, and other actions are causing worry among people living with HIV/AIDS who access these federally funded programs and services so they can stay healthy and vibrant.

We want to assure you that efforts are under way to protect existing programs and funding, and minimize the effects of these threats to health care services that protect the lives and well-being of Oregonians. To that end, we the undersigned organizations, which have a long history of collaboration, have formed the Coalition of Oregon HIV Community Organizations. The coalition meets regularly to monitor policy changes and collaborate on ways to preserve and protect access to health care and services for people in Oregon living with HIV/AIDS. We encourage you to contact any of the coalition member organizations if you have any questions.

Coping with these uncertain times can be extremely stressful. We want to help you take all steps necessary to stay healthy, strong and well. If you are experiencing distress or mental anguish, please take advantage of the following resources and reach out to those organizations with which you have established relationships:

Multnomah County Crisis Line - 503-988-4888
 The Trevor Project - 866-588-7386
 Trevor Chat - online messaging service
 Youth Talkline - 800-246-7743
 Trans Lifeline - 877-565-8860
 The GLBT National Helpline - 888-843-4564
 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 800-273-8255
 Line for Life - 800-273-8255 or text 273Talk to 839863
 Alcohol & Drug Helpline 800-923-4357 or text RecoveryNow to 839863

Know that we are committed to our missions to continue providing access to services and health care that support communities and individuals living with HIV/AIDS so they can lead healthy and vibrant lives. Uncertainty at the national level won't deter us from the important work of addressing the needs of those living with HIV/AIDS.

Yours in health and wellness,

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Don't forget about Medicare Open Enrollment– Starts October 15th

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MEDICARE



“We found lower co-pays, and a free wellness visit.”



“New plan, same doctor.”



“I found a better deal on prescriptions.”

WHAT WILL YOU FIND DURING MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT?

You'll never know unless you go. Have you compared plans yet? See if you can lower some costs or find a plan that better suits your needs. Many people do. Even if you like your current plan, check to see if the costs or coverage are changing at medicare.gov. Or call 1-800-MEDICARE for help.



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Medicare Open Enrollment Oct. 15– Dec. 7

WWW.MEDICARE.GOV
1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048)



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