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Covered California Celebrates the 11th Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California’s executive director, Peter V. Lee, issued this statement to mark the 11th anniversary of the signing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

“President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law 11 years ago, and since then it has transformed our health care system.

While the Affordable Care Act has been repeatedly challenged in the courts and the subject of much political debate, it has endured and continues to serve its primary function: opening the doors of health care to those who had been turned away because of pre-existing conditions and bringing high-quality health care coverage within reach for millions of Americans.

Now, under President Joe Biden’s American Rescue Plan, millions more Americans stand to benefit from the Affordable Care Act, with more financial help for existing consumers and new subsidies for Americans who didn’t previously qualify.

This new chapter for the Affordable Care Act will feature more Americans with health insurance who will be paying lower premium costs, a true cause for celebration on this historic anniversary.”

About Covered California

Covered California is the state’s health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality insurance from top insurance companies. Covered California is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial assistance on a sliding scale to reduce premium costs. Consumers can then compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget.

Depending on their income, some consumers may qualify for the low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California is an independent part of the state government whose job is to make the health insurance marketplace work for California's consumers. It is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit www.CoveredCA.com.

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