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Covered California Responds to White House Announcement on American Rescue Plan Gains Across the Nation

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman applauded today's announcement from President Biden's administration, which highlighted the <u>anniversary of the American Rescue Plan and the increased investments to expand health care coverage and reduce costs for Americans</u>.

"The American Rescue Plan opened the doors of health care coverage to more people than ever before by building on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) at a time when people needed it most.

"In California, a record-high 1.8 million people are now part of the 14.5 million Americans nationally with health plans through an ACA marketplace. Now, one year in we have seen how the law has literally changed millions of lives by increasing the financial help available to purchase health insurance and enable individuals and families to get the care they need.

"As we look to the future, the evidence is clear: The American Rescue Plan helps families by lowering premiums, increasing enrollment and ensuring access to care. For millions of people, these American Rescue Plan subsidies are critical to preserving the gains we have made so far and keeping Californians and Americans covered and cared for well into the future."

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About Covered California

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality coverage from private, brand-name insurance carriers. It is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial help to reduce their monthly premiums. Depending on their income, some people may qualify for California's low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California's mission is to increase the number of insured Californians, improve health care quality, lower costs, and reduce health care disparities through an innovative, competitive marketplace that empowers consumers to choose the health plan and providers that give them the best value. The organization is an independent part of the state government and 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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