



California LGBT Health and Human Services Network

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LGBTQ+ Week of Action December 5th - 10th

Thanks for celebrating LGBT Enrollment Week of Action! The purpose of this week is to maximize outreach, engagement, and enrollment of our communities. This is a great opportunity to promote the importance of LGBT community engagement and enrollment, to educate LGBT consumers about their rights under the Affordable Care Act, and to help ensure that LGBT people are able to access the health coverage and care they need.

Confused by the news about open enrollment and cost sharing payments? While changes at the federal level have shortened enrollment times and eliminated cost sharing payments for much of the country, **Covered California** has worked hard to keep costs down for consumers and make sure that Californians can get the care they need.

Get the facts and sign up for coverage until January 31st. Want coverage as soon as possible? Sign up before Dec 15th and your coverage will start on January 1st.

We have created a California specific **Social Media Toolkit** and will continue to provide updated materials through January 31st.

Next Network Call

Thursday
January 4, 2018
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Call in Number: 866-906-7447
Conference Code: 4914724#
Web Conference [Link](#)

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The Network Listserv is available for member use to share information about upcoming LGBTQ events, campaigns, sign-on letters, share resources, and find partners for collaboration.

[You can post directly by emailing the listserv.](#)

We have "upgraded" our Network calls to now include Web Conferencing. All of our monthly calls can be accessed each month by using this [web conferencing link](#). If you have a reoccurring calendar appointment, please be sure to update it to include this information.

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ENROLLMENT WEEK OF ACTION

YOUR #BEOUTBEHEALTHY CHECKLIST:

- ✓ Make a free appointment with an assister
- ✓ Qualify for savings
- ✓ Enroll before the Dec. 15th deadline
- ✓ Avoid the penalty

California has a Jan 31st deadline

Get your gold star and visit www.healthcare.gov today



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LGBTQ people are 2.5x more likely to experience depression or anxiety. And use substances at 2-4x the rate of the general population. Luckily, all plans through Covered California cover preventative health, mental health, and substance use treatment.

- Health plans and prices change each year - and the amount of financial help you can get may change too.
- 80% of LGBT people want to meet with an assister that understands LGBT-specific issues. Consumers can get free in-person LGBT friendly help from an expert using Out 2 Enroll's [Locator Tool](#).
- LGBTQ people are protected from discrimination in health care and health insurance. [Section 1557](#)'s non-discrimination protections are still in place.
- Health insurance is better than ever for transgender people who can expect more and demand more. Trans consumers should enroll and expect that transition-related care will be covered.

Visit www.coveredca.com now through January 31st to find a plan that fits your budget and covers the care you need.

Upcoming Events

Dec 10 - Jolly St. Knickers Run - Los Angeles
Dec 14 - Sparkle: Trans Winter Ball - San Francisco
Dec 20 - Equality Town Hall - Los Angeles

News and Resources

- [Mental Health of Transgender People is Under Stress, Study Finds](#)
- [Transgender Californians Face Health Disparities](#)
- [A few Things to Know about Being Transgender](#)
- [Tax Reform Could Be a Serious Threat to Health Care](#)
- [Tax Reform Hangs in Balance in Critical Week for GOP](#)



No matter where you live in California



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November 1- January 31

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