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## **MILESTONE ENROLLMENT NUMBERS RELEASED BY COVERED CALIFORNIA AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

*More Than a Half-Million Californians Enrolled in Covered California Health Insurance Plans Through Dec. 31, 2013 — January Enrollment Pushes Total Beyond 625,000; Medi-Cal Enrollment Under the Affordable Care Act Tops 1.2 Million*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California™ and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced today that 500,108 Californians enrolled for health insurance and selected plans through the end of 2013 under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, while 584,000 applicants were determined likely eligible for Medi-Cal coverage. DHCS also transitioned 630,000 individuals into the Medi-Cal program from the state's Low Income Health Program.

The statistics, reflecting enrollment activity from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2013, show that the demand for health care coverage in California remains strong. And the preliminary total of enrollments in Covered California health insurance plans from Oct. 1, 2013, through Jan. 15, 2014, has increased to more than 625,000, demonstrating continued vigor in the new insurance marketplace.

"We're encouraged by the outpouring of interest and participation in the state insurance exchange," said Covered California Executive Director Peter V. Lee. "While our objective is to insure all eligible Californians over time, independent estimates for Covered California's subsidy-eligible enrollment by the March 31 deadline range between 487,000 and 696,000. These impressive numbers for the first half of open enrollment and the continued momentum in January tell us we are on track to meeting, if not beating, those enrollment estimates as we continue to pick up steam."

Lee noted that of those enrolled so far, 424,936 are eligible for subsidies.

"We are pleased that Californians — many for the first time — are getting quality, affordable health insurance to protect themselves and their families," Lee added.

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