



MEDIA ADVISORY

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LGBT COMMUNITY LEADERS JOIN FORCES WITH LGBT ELECTED OFFICIALS IN SPECIAL HEALTH INSURANCE OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT WEEK

Uninsured LGBT New Yorkers Urged to Sign Up for Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Plans by Feb. 15 Deadline

LGBT Health Insurance Outreach and Enrollment Week, Jan.12-16, 2015

LGBT people have been disproportionately uninsured. New health plans available under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are starting to reduce the national LGBT uninsured rate, and are helping here in New York. With open enrollment for 2015 plans ending Feb. 15, LGBT leaders are urging still-uninsured LGBT New Yorkers to apply now for coverage through the NY State of Health marketplace and LGBT-friendly patient navigators.

The ACA prohibits discrimination in health coverage based on sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, and prohibits denials of coverage for pre-existing conditions. Same-sex married couples and any children they may have are also eligible for family coverage. In New York, all private health plans now include coverage of medically-necessary gender transition services. LGBT Health Insurance Outreach and Enrollment Week in New York will provide opportunities for LGBT people to learn about their coverage options and meet with patient navigators to start the application process.

- **Press Conference:** Monday, January 12, 11 a.m.
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, 356 West 18th St., 6th Floor, Manhattan
Featured speakers:
Councilmember Corey Johnson, Health Committee Chair
Jay Laudato, Executive Director, Callen-Lorde
Lois Uttley, Co-chair, Health Care for All NY LGBT Task Force
Star Morris, Manager of Insurance Navigation, Callen-Lorde
- **Press Conference:** Tuesday, January 13, 1 p.m.
Voces Latinas, 37-63C 83rd Street, Suite 1B, Jackson Heights, Queens
Featured speakers:
Councilmember Daniel Dromm
Nathaly Rubio-Torio, Executive Director, Voces Latinas
Lois Uttley, Director, Raising Women's Voices-New York
Guillermo Chacon, President, Latino Commission on AIDS
Alexander Cortes, Voces Latinas Patient Navigator

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- **Enrollment Event:** Monday, January 12, 6 to 8 p.m.
Make the Road New York, 92-10 Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights
Featured speakers:
Lois Uttley, Co-chair, Health Care for All NY LGBT Task Force
Maria Reinoso, Make the Road New York Enrollment Specialist

- **Enrollment Event:** Tuesday, January 13, 2 to 4 p.m.
Make the Road New York, 161 Port Richmond Ave., Staten Island
Featured speakers:
Lois Uttley, Co-chair, Health Care for All NY LGBT Task Force
Cristina Clavijo, Make the Road New York Enrollment Specialist

- **Enrollment Event:** Wednesday, January 14, 6-9 p.m.
Phillips Ambulatory Care Center, Mount Sinai Beth Israel, 10 Union Sq. East, Manhattan
Featured speakers:
Comedian Dana Friedman (emcee)
Lois Uttley, Co-chair, Health Care for All NY LGBT Task Force
Kellan Baker, Out2Enroll and Center for American Progress
Dr. Barbara Warren, LGBT Director, Office for Diversity and Inclusion, Mount Sinai Health System
Paul Zucker, Chair, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Diversity Council

- **Enrollment Event:** Thursday, January 15, 6 to 8 p.m.
LOFT Center, 252 Bryant Ave, White Plains (For LOFT members only)
Featured speaker:
Liza Lederer, Organizer, Raising Women’s Voices-NY

- **Enrollment Event:** Friday, January 16, 6 to 8 p.m.
Make the Road New York, 301 Grove Street, Bushwick, Brooklyn
Featured speaker:
Mark Hannay, Director, Metro New York Health Care for All Campaign
Arline Cruz, Make the Road New York Enrollment Specialist

“LGBT Health Insurance Outreach and Enrollment Week” is being organized by the LGBT Task Force of Health Care for All New York (HCFANY, www.hcfany.org), as part of a national week of activities, endorsed by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, to reach uninsured LGBT Americans with information about new health insurance coverage options created under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Organizations involved in planning and coordinating this week of events in New York include the Beth Israel Medical Center/Mount Sinai Health System, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, Community Service Society of New York, LGBT Community Center, Make the Road New York, Metro New York Health Care for All Campaign, Raising Women’s Voices-New York and Voces Latinas.