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Dear Friend of NJ FamilyCare:

Beginning January 2014, NJ FamilyCare - New Jersey's publicly funded health insurance program - will include CHIP, Medicaid and Medicaid expansion populations. This means that certain documented NJ residents may be eligible for free or low cost health insurance that covers doctor visits, prescriptions, vision, dental care, mental health and substance use services and even hospitalization. The State also will continue to provide subsidized insurance to children in families earning up to 350% of the federal poverty level.

Open enrollment begins October 1, 2013. Coverage for eligible applicants starts January 1, 2014.

The new federal mandate requires income eligibility changes to the current program. To learn more about what this means, we invite you to participate in the **new NJ FamilyCare comprehensive training**. The training is designed to enhance your knowledge about the program so that you are informed and better equipped to help individuals and families complete their applications.

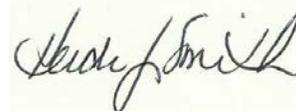
If you are interested in becoming a Certified Application Assistor, you will have that option following the training. **Stakeholders that want to be *recognized* on the NJ FamilyCare website as Application Assistors will need to be retrained and certified.**

All interested stakeholders are invited to attend the training to learn how to use the new federally approved "single use" on line application. The training curriculum will be taught by professional community college instructors in computer labs at convenient campus locations with ADA accessible facilities. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice entering "real life" family scenarios into the new eligibility system to gain hands on experience. The curriculum also will cover instruction on HIPAA, cultural competency, customer service and the new paper application.

By expanding the scope of outreach through you, the state will be able to enroll many more people in NJ FamilyCare and improve health care access for the previously uninsured.

Please reserve your place at training right away. Register directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJFAMILYCARE> or contact Maryann Reynolds at 609-292-7111. If you have additional questions you can reach me at (609)588-3526. Thank you in advance for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,



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