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NATIVE HEALTH Hosts Urban Day of Action ***Leaders Aim to Increase Access to Healthcare*** ***and Promote Comprehensive Coverage***

(Phoenix, AZ) NATIVE HEALTH has a message for American Indians living in Phoenix and other nearby urban areas: Sign up for health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace (healthcare.gov).

“This is an opportunity for urban American Indians to expand their access to a variety of healthcare services,” said Walter Murillo, Chief Executive Officer, NATIVE HEALTH. “Unfortunately, many are not getting that message. NATIVE HEALTH wants urban American Indians to understand their options. We also want to help them find health coverage that’s right for them. That’s why the *Urban Day of Action* is so important.”

Both information and assistance will be available during NATIVE HEALTH’s *Urban Day of Action*, which takes place:

Tuesday, December 8, 2015
3-7 pm
NATIVE HEALTH
4041 North Central Avenue, Building C
Phoenix, Arizona

Urban Day of Action attendees will meet with NATIVE HEALTH and other Certified Application Counselors who will help them with the online Health Insurance Marketplace application. Throughout the event, expert speakers will provide information about the Health Insurance Marketplace and the unique opportunities available to Native Americans.

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“Longstanding treaties with the federal government guarantee Native Americans healthcare. As a result, the Affordable Care Act exempts Native Americans from any tax penalties, and most out-of-pocket expenses,” Murillo said. “However, the Health Insurance Marketplace offers Native Americans new expanded coverage for specialized services.”

Providing information about this and other benefits on December 8 will be the following experts:

- Patricia Patrón, Chief Operations Officer, NATIVE HEALTH, Phoenix
- Geoff Roth, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.
- Melissa Stafford Jones, Regional Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region 9
- Kendra Johnson, Senior Case Worker, Congressman Ruben Gallego (AZ- District 7)
- Dawn Coley, National Indian Health Board
- Rudy Soto, National Council of Urban Indian Health

For a detailed *Urban Day of Action* agenda, including speaker presentation times, visit nativehealthphoenix.org.

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[*NATIVE HEALTH*](#) provides holistic, patient centered, culturally sensitive health and wellness services.