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Chinese Hospital Health System continues to safeguard the community during COVID-19 by offering health insurance counseling and enrollment assistance for uninsured individuals

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The pandemic has caused millions of people to lose their jobs and for many, that has meant losing their employer-sponsored health insurance as well. As part of its continued efforts to safeguard the community from the impacts of COVID-19, Chinese Hospital, in collaboration with CCHP, Jade Health Care Medical Group (Jade), and Chinese Community Health Resource Center (CCHRC), is offering in-person and remote enrollment services to help those who lost their insurance coverage during the pandemic apply for subsidized or no cost health insurance.

“Most of the people who are uninsured do not know they are eligible for financial assistance,” said Dr. Jian Zhang, CEO of Chinese Hospital. “If you have lost employment or have reduced income due to the pandemic, you may be eligible for financial assistance through Covered California; or qualify for low-cost or no-cost coverage through Medi-Cal. We encourage anyone who needs coverage to contact us and sign up. In California, there is a tax penalty for being uninsured. Health insurance gives you peace of mind during the crisis and also helps you avoid the fine.”

Dr. Zhang added, “We offer bilingual services and resources. Anyone is welcome to contact us, and we will guide him or her through the process and the available resources here. Whichever plan you select, you will enjoy comprehensive health benefits that also cover COVID-19-related care and COVID-19 vaccines”

“We want the community to know that Chinese Hospital Health System is here to help you through this difficult time,” said Ms. Joyce Cheng, Executive Director of CCHRC. “In addition to providing COVID-19 health education during the pandemic, we also offer virtual educational seminars and individualized counseling to help people determine what health insurance and financial assistance they qualify for. We are also available in-person to assist you with the enrollment process in multiple locations including Chinatown, Portola, Excelsior, Sunset, and in Daly City.”

“Many of my patients have been financially impacted by the pandemic and are struggling to keep their health insurance. I am pleased that Chinese Hospital Health System is supporting our patients and community by offering financial counseling and enrollment services at no-cost to them. We all know having health insurance is critical to maintaining good health and particularly important during the pandemic,” said Dr. Weiwen Zheng, one of many community-minded Jade physicians.

To learn more about whether you qualify for subsidized or low-cost healthcare coverage, please contact us at 1-415-677-2473, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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About Chinese Hospital Health System

The Chinese Hospital Integrated Health System consists of Chinese Hospital and Clinics, Chinese Community Health Plan, and Jade Health Care Medical Group. Each entity performs an important role in achieving the common goal of providing the community with quality, affordable care that is culturally competent, and linguistically appropriate. The integrated Chinese Hospital Health System has the ability to care for its patients and members across the entire continuum of care. Visit: www.ChineseHospital-SF.org, www.CCHPHHealthPlan.com, and www.JadeHealthCareMedicalGroup.com.

About Chinese Community Health Resource Center

The Chinese Community Health Resource Center (CCHRC) was established in 1989 as a private, non-profit community center. The Center's mission is to build a healthy community through culturally and linguistically competent preventive health, disease education and management, and research programs and advocacy. Since its inception, the Chinese community of the San Francisco Bay Area has come to recognize CCHRC as a leader and principal source of culturally competent health education programs. Over the years, CCHRC has launched numerous culturally and linguistically appropriate health education programs.

For more information, please visit: www.cchrhealth.org