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NY State of Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Season Two Begins 11/15

NSHC Navigator Agency enroller staff available to assist applicants

(Hauppauge, NY . . . November 11, 2014) The Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) Navigator Agency enrollers will be on site at the “Healthy U” community health fair being held at Suffolk County Community College (Selden Campus) on Saturday, November 15, 2014, from 8 a.m. to noon. The health fair, organized by John T. Mather Memorial Hospital, is sponsored in part by the New York State of Health, which operates New York’s health insurance marketplace. November 15th marks the beginning of the marketplace’s 2015 open enrollment season.

NSHC is one of three lead Navigator Agencies for Long Island appointed by the New York State Department of Health to provide individuals and businesses with enrollment assistance in the marketplace. State-trained and certified navigators will assist individuals, businesses, and families in understanding insurance options offered on the marketplace and in purchasing insurance. Navigators, some of whom are bi-lingual, will assist individuals in completing the application for coverage, and will determine whether their income levels and family size qualify them for subsidized insurance premiums, Medicaid coverage, or Child Health Plus enrollment. The navigators will also help small business owners determine if they are eligible for any tax credits.

In addition to on site enrollment at the “Healthy U” event on opening day – November 15th – NSHC enrollers are available for in-person assistance at select sites and dates throughout the duration of the marketplace’s open enrollment season, which ends February 15, 2015. Go to the NSHC dedicated enrollment website – www.coverage4healthcare.com – for a calendar listing of other dates and sites scheduled throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis – no appointments necessary. Many sites are open non-traditional hours. Applicants can also enroll by phone through the marketplace’s customer service center 1-888-614-5400 or online at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov. NSHC’s enrollment office direct phone line is 631-656-9783.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS: AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 15TH WITH STACY VILLAGRAN, NSHC NAVIGATOR AGENCY DIRECTOR, NSHC STAFF ENROLLERS, AND APPLICANTS

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