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Maryland “Get Health Care” Information Site

Westminster, Md. – (September 23, 2009) – Many Marylanders face escalating health care costs and are unsure where to turn to obtain information on affordable health coverage. The **Get Health Care** web site at www.dhmh.state.md.us/gethealthcare offers extensive information on statewide healthcare initiatives that can help uninsured Marylanders get health care. This web site is a public resource offered by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

One recent initiative explained on the web site is the *Working Families and Small Business Act of 2007*. The Act expanded medical assistance to cover more parents and families. Now, a family of three with an annual income of \$20,500 is able to get health care under *Medical Assistance for Families*. This law was passed to help Maryland’s working families get the health coverage they need. At the same time, the Act helps Maryland’s small businesses by creating the *Health Insurance Partnership* to provide affordable health insurance through a partnership with the state, employers and employees.

The **Get Health Care** site also give details about *Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP)* and *MCHP Premium* (for children 0-19 and pregnant women), the *Maryland AIDS Insurance Program*, *Maryland’s Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)*, *Veterans Affairs (VA) Maryland Health Care System*, the *Maryland Health Insurance Program (MHIP)*, and other programs to help people get the health care they need.

The Partnership supports a variety of efforts that help people living in Carroll County get quality, affordable and available primary health care, dental care, behavioral health care, hospitalization and pharmaceuticals. For more information, visit the “Access to Health Care” section of our web site, www.HealthyCarroll.org.

The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc., an affiliate of Carroll Hospital Center and the Carroll County Health Department, is a private, nonprofit community led organization that seeks to build capacity for both health and quality of life improvement.

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