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Sacramento Covered receives new funding from Health Net to help Californians enroll in Medi-Cal and other programs

Health Net's \$90,000 grant means more residents in the Sacramento region will have access to quality care and receive education about their Medi-Cal benefits

Woodland Hills, CA (April 5, 2021) – To increase access to quality care for California’s most vulnerable patients during the pandemic, Health Net awarded Sacramento Covered a **\$90,000** grant to help enroll and educate residents in Medi-Cal in the Sacramento region. Part of Health Net’s broader commitment to support communities during the national pandemic, Sacramento Covered is one of 24 organizations statewide that received funding totaling **\$1.95 million** dedicated to keeping the safety net strong for those most at-risk.

“For many of California’s communities, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing disparities in access to health care,” said Kelly Bennett, Founder & CEO of Sacramento Covered. “Now more than ever, we need to ensure that those eligible for Medi-Cal do not face barriers to enrollment. Thank you, Health Net, for your dedication to helping families and individuals enroll, renew and navigate their health coverage in the Sacramento region during this critical time.”

As one of California’s largest and most experienced managed care plans, Health Net is committed to ensuring underserved residents have access to quality care. By increasing Medi-Cal enrollment, education and retention support, providers and community organizations are able to better care for those affected by the ongoing pandemic.

“Increasing access to care for the most vulnerable patients is critical as we continue to navigate COVID-19 and its wide-reaching impacts on our communities,” said Sacramento County Supervisor, Patrick Kennedy. “This funding from Health Net will help Californians eligible for Medi-Cal access its benefits, ensuring that the safety net catches those who need it most right now.”

“Data shows that a large number of Californians that are eligible for Medi-Cal aren’t applying for benefits. You wouldn’t expect that in the midst of a pandemic,” said Brian Ternan, President and CEO of Health Net of California and California Health & Wellness. “Our community partners will use these grants to find and enroll newly-eligible people. With Medi-Cal coverage, California’s most vulnerable populations can receive the quality health care they deserve.”

Organizations are using the grants to increase enrollment by:

- Amplifying awareness of available benefits
- Educating communities about the importance of health care coverage
- Helping newly eligible people enroll in health care coverage

- Assisting new enrollees in understanding and navigating the health care system
- Supporting existing members through the coverage renewal process

This series of grants is part of Health Net’s Community & Infrastructure Investment Program – which has dedicated more than \$65 million to bridge the divide in access, equity and quality of care across California. Sacramento Covered is a four-time Health Net grant recipient and has received a total of **\$440,000** to increase access to health care for the communities they serve.

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About Health Net

At Health Net, we believe every person deserves a safety net for their health, regardless of age, income, employment status or current state of health. Founded 40 years ago, we remain dedicated to transforming the health of our community, one person at a time. Today, Health Net’s 3,000 employees and 85,000 network providers serve more than 3 million members. That’s nearly 1 in 12 Californians. We provide health plans for individuals, families, businesses of every size, people with Medicare and people with Medi-Cal — Coverage for Every Stage of Life™. Health Net also offers access to substance abuse programs, behavioral health services, employee assistance programs and managed health care products related to prescription drugs. We offer these health plans and services through Health Net, LLC and its subsidiaries: Health Net of California, Inc., Health Net Life Insurance Company and Health Net Community Solutions, Inc. These entities are wholly owned subsidiaries of Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC), a Fortune 100 company providing health coverage to more than 20 million Americans. For more information, visit [HealthNet.com](https://www.healthnet.com).

About Sacramento Covered

Sacramento Covered is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to achieving health care access and care coordination for all who live in the Sacramento region. Since our beginning in 2013, we have served more than 20,000 residents annually, thanks to our team who are a huge part of our continued success. They represent the remarkable diversity of the communities we serve and are committed to promoting community health. Our mission is to improve the overall health and well-being of the Sacramento region by connecting people to health coverage, primary and preventative care, and other health-related supports. To learn more, visit [SacramentoCovered.org](https://www.SacramentoCovered.org).