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Community Forum on Health Insurance Options to be Held in Fayetteville

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (July 26, 2011) —The Arkansas Insurance Department through the Partners for Inclusive Communities and the University of Arkansas for Medical Science's College of Public Health will hold a community forum on health care insurance coverage in Fayetteville on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at the Clarion Hotel located at 1255 South Shiloh Drive. This forum is one in a series of meetings which have been held around the state to seek input as the Department continues its planning efforts for a health benefits exchange under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) which was signed into law in March of 2010.

Jay Bradford, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner, said, "Federal law mandates that each state have an exchange in place by January 1, 2014. Input from the public is vital in order to ensure the Health Benefits Exchange in Arkansas is one that serves the best interests of Arkansans." Approximately, 500,000 Arkansans are currently without health insurance coverage.

The Fayetteville forum will begin at 2:30 pm and is open to all interested parties. For more information contact David Deere of the Partners for Inclusive Communities at 501-765-6522.

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