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Two-year colleges to train health insurance workers

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (May 15, 2013) Seven of Arkansas' two-year colleges have been selected to prepare health insurance workers to help more than 500,000 consumers evaluate their health insurance options.

The Arkansas Insurance Department has contracted with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to provide the training, which will be conducted through the Arkansas Association of Two-year Colleges WorkForce Training Consortium.

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas will serve as the lead institution to coordinate the training and will work with six other two-year colleges to develop, implement and monitor the training. The other lead colleges are North Arkansas Community College in Harrison, Black River Technical College in Pocahontas, East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City, South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado, Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock and National Park Community College in Hot Springs. Fifteen other two-year colleges and one four-year university in the state will also participate in helping prepare the workers.

More than 635 In-Person Assister Guides and others will be trained between June and December 31 to work with consumers. The Guides will help enroll consumers through the new Health Insurance Marketplace beginning October 1, 2013.

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