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Covering the Uninsured in Nevada

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If you are one of the more than 17% of Nevadans without Health Insurance, this week is dedicated help you. Today (Monday) kicks off Covering the Uninsured Week and Mark Jolley with Health Access America says that means reaching out to more than 420,000 adults and children in Nevada.

"So many people out there just don't understand what their options are, and are walking around day to day, month to month without coverage, not realizing they may be eligible for one of the public programs out there, they may be able to afford private coverage."

Covering the Uninsured Week is designed to draw attention to the 45,000,000 Americans who have no health insurance, and this year it focuses on efforts to get Congress to reauthorize the S-Chip program, which covers 9,000,000 children whose parents work, but do not make enough to pay for health insurance. Nevada Check Up is part of the S-Chip program.

Low- to middle-income workers in Washoe County now also have a place to turn to if they can't get health insurance. Sherri Rice with the Health Care Network says a new medical discount plan gives employers a chance to help many of their uninsured workers by providing discounts on health services.

"Specialist, primary care, prescriptions, all of it. They can join our network and receive these services at greatly reduced fees."

Mark Jolley says you can get plenty of free assistance during Covering the Uninsured Week.

"We have enrollment fairs, we have immunization clinics, we have dental screenings and dental exams going on, all free to the public."

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