

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT PROVIDING RESIDENTS WITH COVERED CALIFORNIA™ ASSISTANCE

Residents and employees of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach can get assistance from enrollment counselors at no cost; special enrollment for Covered California is open now

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**REDONDO BEACH, Calif.** (October 26, 2020) – Residents and employees of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach have access to free assistance with Covered California enrollment – the state's implementation of the Affordable Care Act – through Beach Cities Health District (BCHD). Open enrollment, a time when individuals and families can explore and purchase health insurance policies for 2021, is open November 1, 2020-January 31, 2021. Residents who have a qualifying life event may also enroll in Covered California now without waiting for regular open enrollment.

Even if coverage is only needed for a few months, Covered California can meet those health insurance needs. By law, coverage can no longer be dropped or denied, even if the patient has a pre-existing medical condition or becomes sick.

BCHD has a team of certified enrollment counselors ready to assist residents and families in applying for health insurance or simply reviewing their available health insurance options.

For assistance with Covered California, please call (310) 374-3426, ext. 256. All interested parties are also asked to have the following on hand:

- Name/birth date of each person being enrolled
- Social Security number of each enrollee
- Most recent income tax filings or annual income account
- Current health coverage status, if any

Please visit <u>bchd.org/covered-california-medical</u> for more information or call (310) 374-3426, ext. 256.

## **About Beach Cities Health District**

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is among the leading preventive health agencies in the nation and has served the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach since 1955. As a public agency, it offers an extensive range of dynamic health and wellness programs, with innovative services and facilities to promote health and prevent diseases in every lifespan. BCHD also operates AdventurePlex, a health and fitness facility where kids play their way to good health, and the Center for Health & Fitness, a comprehensive fitness center that is the only Medical Fitness Association-certified facility in California. Visit www.bchd.org or call (310) 374-3426 for more information.