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NORTHEAST VALLEY HEALTH CORPORATION RECEIVES MAJOR COVERED CALIFORNIA GRANT TO ENSURE THE MOVE TO UNIVERSAL COVERAGE INCLUDES MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEYS

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- *Northeast Valley Health Corporation is one of only 100 agencies funded in communities across California to make sure hard-to-reach populations that are uninsured and eligible for financial help through Covered California get the information and support they need to sign up for coverage.*
 - *Approximately 89 percent of Californians live within a 15-minute drive of these community-based organizations.*
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LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Covered California announced Friday that it intends to partner with Northeast Valley Health Corporation — and dozens of other community-based organizations — to educate consumers about their health care options, offer in-person enrollment and renewal assistance and provide ongoing support with getting the best value from their health plan. The Navigator grants are part of Covered California's ongoing commitment to work with trusted organizations throughout the state to help hard-to-reach groups understand this new era of health care.

"We know it is important for consumers in Los Angeles to get confidential, one-on-one help in their communities," said Covered California Executive Director Peter V. Lee. "Community-based organizations like Northeast Valley Health Corporation are important to their communities and instrumental in helping Californians sign up for the plan that works best for them."

Northeast Valley Health Corporation is a Federally Qualified Health Center that has been in partnership with Covered California since 2013 as an outreach and education grantee. In 2014, Northeast Valley Health Corporation was awarded the navigator grant to conduct outreach, education, and enrollment support for consumers enrolling in health care coverage. Today, Covered California issued an intent to award funding to Northeast Valley Health Corporation for the next grant cycle period 2019-2022 with \$125,000 for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Northeast Valley

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Health Corporation will be providing services to residents of Los Angeles county with a targeted outreach effort to six ethnic population groups.

“Northeast Valley Health Corporation has been committed to increasing health care access and minimizing health disparities in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys for over 45 years,” said Northeast Valley Health Corporation CEO Kim Wyard, “With the support of Covered California we will be able to engage medically underserved residents with culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate outreach services to inform them about their health care options so that they can access high-quality care.”

Since the launch of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Northeast Valley Health Corporation has helped more than 17,000 consumers enroll in coverage.

“Health coverage is something that needs to be sold, particularly to young and healthy individuals who are not familiar with insurance,” Lee said. “In addition, health care is local. We are proud to bring the health care message to Los Angeles County in partnership with Northeast Valley Health Corporation to make sure we get everyone we can covered with health insurance that meets their needs.”

“Working with Northeast Valley Health Corporation is a tremendous opportunity to expand Covered California’s reach throughout the state,” said Terri Convey, director of Covered California’s Individual and Small Business Outreach and Sales Division. “For many people, there is nothing better than being able to sit down with someone in their community who can explain their options and help them make the best choice.”

Northeast Valley Health Corporation has 15 sites serving the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valley, providing over 75,000 patients with over 300,000 health care visits that include primary and preventative medical and dental care, behavioral health services and the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program. Each site has navigators to assist consumers with enrollment and renewal assistance throughout the year.

Read Covered California’s press release here, <https://www.coveredca.com/newsroom/news-releases/2019/05/24/covered-california-announces-grants-to-community-based-organizations-across-california-in-preparation-for-2020-and-beyond/>, and view the list of Navigator organizations and the amount Covered California intends to award to each group.

The Navigator program is funded by revenue generated by Covered California. Organizations were selected through a competitive grant application process.

About Northeast Valley Health Corporation

With 15 licensed health centers, Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) is one of the nation’s largest community health centers. Incorporated in 1971, NEVHC is a non-profit Joint Commission accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). NEVHC’s mission is to provide quality, safe and comprehensive primary health care to medically underserved residents of Los Angeles County, particularly in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys, in a manner that is sensitive to the economic, cultural and linguistic needs of the community. Learn more about NEVHC at nevhc.org.