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Mayor makes last-day pitch for ``Get Covered Shreveport``

On the eve of the final day to sign up to get health care insurance coverage, Mayor Cedric Glover is urging citizens to ``Get Covered`` through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

The enrollment period ends on March 31 and so far more than 6 million Americans have signed on for affordable health insurance. Many states, including Louisiana, have seen a surge over the last month with statewide enrollment swelling past 45,000. Many of those who have enrolled will be eligible for tax credits from the Marketplace, coverage which includes treatment of pre-existing conditions, and some with premiums as low as \$0 and \$15 after tax credits.

Throughout March, Mayor Glover has worked with community partners to launch a local grassroots effort to enroll Shreveport residents. The partners have included barbers, beauticians, healthcare professionals, community and faith-based organizations committed to unconventional canvassing approaches to disseminate information and help people enroll.

The debate over the Affordable Care Act has not prevented many Louisiana residents from realizing the value of the law. Mrs. Wardean Uchendu, a retired education professional in Shreveport, attended the ``Get Covered Shreveport`` event at Mall St. Vincent on March 8. Mrs. Uchendu's first quote came to about \$150 monthly. After shopping around the Marketplace with a trained navigator and applying for tax credits, she successfully enrolled under the PPACA and now will pay a monthly premium of \$41.

Mayor Glover also recognizes the hardship faced by those who fall between the cracks as a result of Louisiana leaders opting not to participate in the Medicaid Expansion Program.

``It is very unfortunate state leadership has taken a position that not only leaves Louisiana residents left in dark, but also has a negative impact on Louisiana's public and charity hospitals that specialize in serving individuals who make too much to qualify for Medicaid, but make too little to receive the Marketplace tax credits,`` Mayor Glover said.

Shreveport's University Health (formerly LSU-Hospital) serves a large patient population within the metropolitan region that fit this description. Mayor Glover wants the Louisiana Legislature to adopt legislation that protects Louisiana residents and provides a sustainable future for the state's public hospital system.



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To signup online go to: Healthcare.gov
The 24-hour, toll free number for individual and families: 1 (800) - 318-2596.
The toll free number for small businesses: 1 (800) - 706-7893.

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