



H&R Block and GoHealth Help Nation's Uninsured Get 'Second Chance' to Enroll in Health Insurance and Avoid Tax Penalties

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Chicago, IL (March 12, 2015) – Ahead of the nation's health insurance Special Enrollment Period for select taxpayers, GoHealth and H&R Block are positioned to help consumers enroll in affordable health coverage.

Although the 2015 health insurance marketplace Open Enrollment Period ended February 15, some consumers will have a second chance to enroll in health coverage from March 15 to April 30. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and most state-based marketplaces created this Special Enrollment Period specifically for those people who learn they will face a shared responsibility payment – or penalty – for not having qualified health insurance coverage in 2014 when they file their taxes. In fact, data released by H&R Block showed that the average penalty is more than \$170.

"For those who remain uninsured, and unaware they will face a penalty, the Special Enrollment Period is a great opportunity to get coverage and avoid paying a penalty next tax season for being without insurance during 2015," said Mark Ciaramitaro, vice president of enrollment services at H&R Block. "The minimum penalty for not having coverage in 2015 is \$325 per adult or 2 percent of household income above their filing requirement, whichever is greater. For a family of four earning \$60,000 for example, this could be \$975."

Through their strategic partnership, GoHealth, the nation's leading online exchange for individuals and families to compare and shop for health insurance, and H&R Block, the world's largest consumer tax services provider, are equipped to help consumers take advantage of this special opportunity to obtain qualifying health coverage for 2015 and avoid future tax penalties. As part of tax preparation, H&R Block offers a free Affordable Care Act Tax Impact Analysis to help clients determine whether their taxes or refunds are impacted by the ACA. If filers find out for the first time they face the tax penalty for not having insurance, GoHealth can provide free health insurance enrollment assistance, including Advance Premium Tax Credit estimates, and health plan recommendations.

"Many people still do not know they are required by law to enroll in health insurance or that financial help is available to purchase a quality health plan," says Clint Jones, CEO of GoHealth. "Working with H&R Block, we are able to use this tax-filing season to educate consumers about the Affordable Care Act and connect them with affordable coverage for 2015."

To schedule an interview with H&R Block or Chicago-based GoHealth, please contact Chris Thatcher at (212)999-5585.

To review health insurance options and enroll in a Marketplace plan, visit GoHealthInsurance.com or call (888) 821-0101.

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About GoHealth:

As a leading health insurance marketplace, GoHealth's mission is to improve access to healthcare in America. Enrolling in a health insurance plan can be confusing for customers, and the seemingly small differences between plans can lead to significant out-of-pocket costs or lack of access to critical medicines and even providers. GoHealth combines cutting-edge technology, data science and deep industry expertise to match customers with the healthcare policy and carrier that is best for them. Since its inception, GoHealth has enrolled millions of people in Medicare and individual and family plans.