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New Enrollment Numbers Show New Hampshire and Maine Responded Positively to Maine Community Health Options Plans

Preliminary tabulations for the second year of open enrollment for the ACA show Maine Community Health Options (MCHO) posting a 65% increase in Maine as well as solid initial enrollment during its first year offering coverage in New Hampshire. Available data thus far show that more than 5,200 people in New Hampshire have MCHO coverage. In Maine, over 66,000 residents are enrolled in one of the MCHO insurance plans for 2015.

“Even though we were a new option for the people of New Hampshire, we are very pleased that consumers responded positively to the unique features of our benefit plans and our broad provider network,” said Kevin Lewis, MCHO chief executive officer. “Our continued growth in Maine is also a demonstration that individuals and businesses find our benefits meaningful and our prices competitive.”

As a private, nonprofit, Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) governed by a Member majority board of directors, MCHO has focused on helping individuals, families and businesses improve their health and economic security.

“Providing people the peace of mind when it comes to health insurance allows focus on other things,” stated board president, Jim Davis. “For many of our Members, that additional mental and emotional security means they can focus on growing their businesses – and that helps all of us.”

During the month of March, MCHO is developing a broad Member engagement and Member orientation process to give new Members greater familiarity with their benefits, including those designed to avert health crises. Maine Community Health Options encourages those new to the insurance marketplace to exercise their role as consumers to help lower costs and improve care with such important benefits such as free annual preventive care visits and reduced or zero co-pays for generic prescriptions.

For more information on MCHO please visit: www.maineoptions.org.

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About Maine Community Health Options – Maine Community Health Options (MCHO) is a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) providing comprehensive, Member-focused, and Member-led health insurance benefits for individuals, families, and businesses. Licensed in both Maine and New Hampshire, MCHO is dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality health benefits through productive partnerships with Members and a broad, network of providers throughout its service areas. For more information about MCHO, visit the website:

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