

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE TALKING POINTS

Below are suggested talking points for communicating to the uninsured about the Green Mountain Care program that will best fit their situation.

The Uninsured in Vermont

- Vermont's goal is to insure 96 percent of Vermonters by 2010 with new and existing health care coverage programs through Green Mountain Care.
- There are more than 65,000 uninsured people living in the state of Vermont which includes children, adults, seniors, pregnant women and many working families.
- Currently, 90 percent of Vermonters are insured, including 95 percent of Vermont children.

Green Mountain Care

- Green Mountain Care is the state of Vermont's family of low-cost and free health coverage programs for uninsured Vermonters.
- Green Mountain Care provides uninsured Vermonters with access to quality, comprehensive health care coverage at a reasonable cost.
- There may be a program for you, no matter how much you earn.
- Some of the programs you know – such as Dr. Dynasaur, VHAP and Medicaid – and some are new, like Catamount Health, Catamount Health Premium Assistance and Catamount Health Employer-Sponsored Insurance Premium Assistance. Prescription assistance is also available to uninsured Vermonters and those with insurance such as Medicare.
- Together, they equal the most comprehensive group of state-based health coverage programs Vermont has ever seen.
- Green Mountain Care programs provide coverage for health care services doctor visits, hospitalizations, emergency care, checkups, screenings, prescription medicines, immunizations and more.
- If you're uninsured, there has never been a better time to check out your health coverage options. Call 1-800-250-8427 or go to www.GreenMountainCare.org today.

Additional Talking Points

- From a serious accident to an unexpected illness to a minor injury, you just can't predict what might be around the corner. Green Mountain Care is there to make sure Vermonters have access to quality, comprehensive health care at a reasonable cost in case of accidents or illnesses, big or small.
- Accidents happen every day, even when you're young and healthy. When you are uninsured, you can't always afford to go to the doctor when you need to. And sometimes, minor health issues can turn into major problems.
- Green Mountain Care provides quality health coverage to make sure you get the care you need when you need it.

Catamount Health

- Introducing Catamount Health, a new health insurance plan which opened for enrollment on October 1, 2007.
- Catamount Health offers comprehensive, quality health coverage at a reasonable cost no matter how much you earn and is offered, in cooperation with the state of Vermont, by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont and MVP Health Care. You can also get help to pay your premiums based on your income.
- Benefits include doctor visits, checkups and screenings, hospital visits, emergency care, chronic disease care, prescription medicines and more.

- Catamount Health is designed for Vermonters who have been uninsured for at least 12 months or have recently lost their insurance because of a life change such as a divorce or loss of a job (other exceptions apply).
- You must be age 18 or older to purchase Catamount Health, however family plans are available to those who are not eligible for existing state-sponsored coverage programs.

Dr. Dynasaur

- Dr. Dynasaur is a program that provides low-cost or free health coverage for children, teenagers under age 18 and pregnant women.
- Eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur is based on your family's income.
- Benefits include doctor visits, prescription medicines, dental care, skin care, hospital visits, vision care, mental health care, immunizations and special services for pregnant women such as lab work and tests, prenatal vitamins and more.

Medicaid

- Medicaid is a health insurance program that provides low-cost or free coverage for low-income children, young adults under age 21, parents, pregnant women, caretaker relatives, people who are blind or have disabilities, and those age 65 and older. In some cases, those enrolled in Medicare may also be eligible for Medicaid.
- Eligibility for Medicaid is based on your income and resources (e.g., cash, bank accounts, etc.).
- Medicaid covers most health care services such as doctor visits, hospital care, prescription medicines, vision and dental care, long-term care, physical therapy and more.

Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP)

- VHAP is a health insurance program for low-income uninsured adults 18 years or older, who have been uninsured for 12 months or more or have recently lost their insurance because of a life change such as a divorce or loss of a job (other exceptions apply).
- VHAP covers a wide range of services including hospital care, mental health care and doctor visits.
- Monthly premiums for your VHAP coverage are based on your household income.
- You also may get state assistance instead to help pay for the monthly portion of your employer's health plan if you are not already enrolled in it.

Prescription Assistance

- Vermont has several prescription assistance programs to help uninsured Vermonters and those with insurance such as Medicare pay for prescription medicines based on your income, disability status and age. These include:
 - VPharm which assists Vermonters age 65 and older and people of all ages with disabilities who are enrolled in Medicare Part D with paying for prescription medicines.
 - VHAP-Pharmacy which helps Vermonters age 65 and older and people with disabilities who are not enrolled in Medicare pay for eye exams and prescription medicines for short-term and long-term medical problems and has an affordable monthly premium.
 - VScript which helps Vermonters age 65 and older and people of all ages with disabilities who are not enrolled in Medicare pay for prescription medicines for long-term medical problems. There is also an affordable monthly premium based on your income.
 - Healthy Vermonters which provides a discount on short-term and long-term prescription medicines. There are no monthly premiums and eligibility is based on your family income.