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**West Windsor Human Relations Council
Sponsors Forum on Affordable Health Care Act -
Healthcare Coverage in the Era of New Reform Law: Components, Features and
Covered Populations**

Location: West Windsor Township Senior Center
Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012
Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The West Windsor Human Relations Council will conduct a program to provide background information about the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including plans for Medicaid expansion and access to health insurance through exchanges and premium subsidies. Participants will hear about federal and state plans to implement components of the ACA, implications for enrolling newly eligible populations and the potential impacts on New Jersey's uninsured populations, as well as those already insured through commercial plans or public coverage programs such as Medicaid and Medicare. In addition, the specific impact of the new law on Medicare beneficiaries and how it will enhance some new benefits to be provided to Medicare recipients will be explained and discussed.

“With as many as 500,000 uninsured New Jerseyans to be potentially covered through Medicaid or exchanges in the coming years, our state's municipalities and community based organizations will have an important role to play in helping families navigate these programs,” stated Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh of West Windsor Township. The event on October 27 will help in preparing residents for the upcoming changes in their health insurance due to the Affordable Care Act.

Panelists speaking at the forum will include:

Neil Eicher (New Jersey Hospital Association): Affordable Care Act's overall components (Medicaid expansion, exchanges and subsidies) and implementation plans

Jeffrey Brown (NJ Citizen Action): Moving towards more equity: Populations impacted by ACA

Alan Siskind and Margaret Andreko (AARP): Implications of ACA for Medicare beneficiaries

A Physician: Impact of the reform law on physicians' community

There will also be a health and wellness resource fair prior to the beginning and at the end of the program with participation from local government, community based organizations and local health care providers. Activities for children ages 5 through 8 will also be conducted during the program.

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