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## **NYC HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR UNINSURED IMMIGRANT NEW YORKERS BEGINS ENROLLMENT**

**NEW YORK, NY – May 3, 2016** – This week, New York City officials will begin enrollment in a new health care access program, with services based at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, NYC Health + Hospitals/Gouverneur, and community-based health centers to start by July 2016. The program, ActionHealthNYC, was first announced as "Direct Access" by Mayor Bill de Blasio as part of a comprehensive plan to improve health care access for the city's immigrant population, making New York City one of the first major U.S. municipalities to expand health care access after the Affordable Care Act.

Prospective enrollees can call 311 and say "ActionHealthNYC" or visit [www.nyc.gov/ActionHealthNYC](http://www.nyc.gov/ActionHealthNYC) to learn how to apply for the program. Enrollment will begin on May 2, 2016 and will end on June 30, 2016. Application centers include:

Gouverneur Health  
227 Madison St, New York, NY 10002

HRA Waverly Job Center  
12 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011

DOHMH Corona Health Center  
34-33 Junction Blvd, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

HRA Western Queens Medicaid Office  
45-12 32nd Pl., Sunnyside, NY 11101

NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst  
Elmhurst Hospital Community Medical Center  
41st Avenue at 80th Street (2nd floor)  
Elmhurst, NY 11373

ActionHealthNYC is a multi-agency effort across the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA), Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), Human Resources Administration (HRA), NYC Health + Hospitals, the Mayor's Office of Operations, and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City with support from the Robin Hood Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation, and the Altman Foundation.

ActionHealthNYC will offer low-cost coordinated health care to enrollees who are immigrant New Yorkers that currently do not have access or qualify for health insurance, contingent upon income-eligibility. Participants will have access to primary and specialty health care. The program features a primary care home model, in which patients have an opportunity to build a relationship with health professionals who understand their individual medical history and health care needs, as well as additional care support mechanisms for individuals with high-risk chronic conditions.

ActionHealthNYC's multilingual outreach partners include community-based organizations that are trusted resources for New York City's immigrant communities. They include: the Brooklyn Chinese-American Association, Council of Peoples Organizations, Desis Rising Up and Moving, Korean Community Services, Make the Road NY, and South Asian Council for Social Services. ActionHealthNYC's outreach will connect to immigrant New Yorkers in neighborhoods across New York City, including: Borough Park, Chinatown, Corona, Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, Lower East Side, and Sunset Park.

In its initial year, ActionHealthNYC will only accept 1,200 New Yorkers to participate in the program, allowing for an intensive evaluation component that will help determine how best to scale an inclusive health care model to families in New York City that do not have access to health insurance. Evaluation focus areas will include: primary health care use; patient satisfaction; condition management; emergency department and hospital use; and self-reported well-being.

Any New Yorker who needs care and is not eligible for Medicaid or health insurance under ObamaCare can access health services. New York City's Health + Hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers provide medical care to everyone, regardless of immigration or insurance status. In addition, emergency care is available at all NYC hospitals regardless of immigration status or ability to pay.

Learn more at [www.nyc.gov/ActionHealthNYC](http://www.nyc.gov/ActionHealthNYC).

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