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Information on Health Insurance Coverage

ONTARIO—Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) is receiving numerous inquiries from constituents who have, or soon will have, their health insurance coverage terminated.

Health care coverage professionals contacted by Rep. Bentz have recommended the following:

1. Notice of termination letters should contain insurance company contact information regarding replacement coverage. Calling this number should come first in seeking out replacement health insurance coverage.
2. If calling the number provided in the termination letter does not help, the next call should be to a reputable health insurance agent.
3. If neither of these approaches works, go “online” and review and select from the coverage’s offered by health insurance companies. (This is a confusing exercise at best. This is why the health insurance experts are recommending that you work through a health insurance agent.)
4. If all else fails, call Dave Barenberg at Cover Oregon at 503-313-9118.

If you are a member of the “Oregon Medical Insurance Pool” (OMIP), the State of Oregon, through the Legislature, is taking steps to address the loss of that type of coverage occasioned by the Affordable Care Act. A press release was issued by Legislative Leadership last week addressing this issue. (<http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/courtney/Documents/PR-jointOMIPfix.pdf>)

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced Friday that members of the OMIP who have not yet enrolled in a different plan will be moved to a temporary insurance program that will allow them additional time to get enrolled in a new plan. Information about the new plan can be found at: <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OPHP/TMIP/Pages/default.aspx>.

To review a recent email from Dr. Goldberg to members of the Oregon Legislature, one can visit Rep. Bentz’s Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Representative-Cliff-Bentz/100001557453527>.

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