



**COVERED CALIFORNIA**

# Media Clips

## COVERED CALIFORNIA BOARD CLIPS

Feb. 1, 2024 – Mar. 27, 2024

Since our last board meeting, the media coverage includes:

- The Feb. 9 extension to enroll in Covered California.
- Covered California announces the navigator program is accepting applications for the new grant cycle.
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# News Release

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Feb. 8, 2024

## **Covered California Achieves Record Enrollment as Californians Have Until Friday at Midnight to Sign Up for Health Coverage for 2024**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — With its open-enrollment period ending on Feb. 9, Covered California announced that a record number of Californians have selected health plans for 2024.

As of Jan. 31, there are 1,784,653 Californians who have chosen a health plan through Covered California for 2024, with 306,382 new enrollees and 1,478,271 renewing their coverage. The total surpasses the previous high set in 2022[1].

The increased federal subsidies through the Inflation Reduction Act paired with California's new cost-sharing reduction program for 2024 helped create the highest number of new sign-ups during an open-enrollment period since 2020. Consumers have until midnight on Feb. 9 to enroll in coverage that would be effective as of Feb. 1.

"The high demand for Covered California shows that the increased financial help for 2024 is making health care coverage more attainable and affordable for more Californians," said Executive Director Jessica Altman. "Those who remain without health insurance still have time to sign up and be covered for the rest of the year. You can apply on CoveredCA.com or reach out to one of our 14,000 agents and community enrollment partners throughout the state to help you get the peace of mind that comes with having health insurance."

### **Signing Up for Coverage Is Easy**

Consumers can learn more about their options by visiting CoveredCA.com, where they can easily find out if they qualify for financial help and see the coverage options in their area. Those interested in learning more about their coverage options can also:

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- Get free and confidential assistance over the phone, in a variety of languages, from one of more than 14,000 certified agents and community-based organizations throughout the state that provide free, confidential help.
- Have a certified enroller call them and help them for free.
- Call Covered California at (800) 300-1506.

[1] A total of 1,777,442 Californians made plan selections through Jan. 31, 2022. This number differs from most effectuated plans at any point, which was 1,730,000 Californians in February of 2022. The effectuated enrollment number for this year will not be available until the spring.

### **About Covered California**

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality insurance from top insurance companies. Covered California is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial assistance on a sliding scale to reduce premium costs. Consumers can then compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. Depending on their income, some consumers may qualify for the low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California is an independent part of the state government whose job is to make the health insurance marketplace work for California's consumers. It is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit [www.CoveredCA.com](http://www.CoveredCA.com).

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# News Release

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## **Covered California’s Navigator Program Is Now Accepting Applications for the 2024-2027 Grant Cycle With a March 15 Deadline**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California has opened the application process for its Navigator Program, with up to \$33.9 million to be granted over the next three years to community organizations that help individuals and families become aware of and enroll in health insurance, with a focus on diverse and underserved communities.

The application process will run until March 15. For this Navigator Program funding cycle, the total annual budget has nearly doubled, increasing from \$6.5 million to up to \$11.3 million per year.

“Covered California’s success over the past decade is due in great part to the tremendous Navigator Program grantees that have helped Californians understand their health care options and get the coverage they need,” Executive Director Jessica Altman said. “The increased funding this year is a testament to the effectiveness of this program and will help strengthen our efforts to reach the most vulnerable Californians where they are.”

Since its inception in 2014, the Navigator Program has provided grants to community organizations with a proven track record in enrolling consumers in health care programs. The program currently includes almost 40 grantees, which employ over 1,200 certified enrollers across the state.

The Request for Application for the Navigator Program presents opportunities for both new and returning organizations to apply for grants to support the mission of helping Californians obtain health coverage through Covered California.

Applications will be evaluated in a competitive process that concludes with financial grants being awarded based on the merits of the organization’s potential to help Covered California achieve its objectives. More information is available here: <https://hbex.coveredca.com/solicitations/#RFA-2023-02>.

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The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on March 15.

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