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Dear Community Members,

With the conclusion of the recent Presidential election there is a lot of uncertainty, and ChapCare understands that many members of the communities we serve have questions and concerns. We are here to let you know that no matter what happens in the future ChapCare will always be here for you as your primary care home.

In the upcoming months we will provide you with updates as it becomes clearer what plans the new administration might have. For a list of answers to questions we have received so far please review the attached FAQ Sheet.

In addition, we urge all community members to continue to manage their health care needs. If you do not have health insurance be sure to sign up during Covered California's open enrollment period (through January 31, 2017) and renew your coverage if you already have it (this includes Medi-Cal and My Health LA as well). Make sure to also get your annual physical, dental and vision exams, which are key to making sure you and your family remain healthy.

If you would like to schedule a health insurance enrollment or renewal appointment, please contact 626-486-9696. If you would like to schedule an appointment for your annual physical, dental, or vision exam, please contact 626-398-6300. You can also visit ChapCare's website at www.chapcare.org for more information.

As we move forward we want to let you know that the health of you and your family is our foremost concern. Thank you for choosing ChapCare!

Sincerely,

Margaret B. Martinez, MPH
Chief Executive Officer

2016 Election Implications FAQ Sheet

Q: “Why should I have to enroll again? The program will not exist next year.”

A: Today and into the foreseeable future, the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is still the law. Failure to enroll will result in tax penalties for you and your family (currently \$695 per adult or 2.5% of your household income (whichever is higher)).

Q: “Will reform be removed?”

A: We cannot say for certain if the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) will be removed. However, as of now, there have been no changes to the law and you should continue to make your health one of your top priorities and get enrolled or renew your health plan.

Q: “Will My Health LA go away? Will My Health LA pick-up the slack if the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) goes away?”

A: My Health LA is a state program, not federal. The program has existed for a long time, even before the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and will continue to exist. As of now, no changes have been made to the My Health LA program. Those who are interested in signing up for the program still need to meet all of the qualifications to do so.

Q: “If I renew my My Health LA coverage, will my information on the application be used to report me to immigration?”

A: No. All personal information stays confidential. The My Health LA program will not use patient information to deport anybody.

Q: “Will Emergency Medi-Cal no longer be available to those who are undocumented?”

A: The Medi-Cal program is state funded, not federally funded. As of now, no changes have been made to either the Emergency Medi-Cal guidelines or to the regular Medi-Cal guidelines. All those who currently qualify for either program will continue to qualify as long as they meet the qualifications for the program.

Q: “How do I know if the information I give at the clinic will not be used to report me to immigration?”

A: Established in 1995, ChapCare has a long history and trusted relationship with the communities we serve. We do not share patient information with law enforcement or federal immigration enforcement agencies.

Q: “If I do not sign-up for Covered California, will I still be penalized?”

A: The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is still the law. Failure to enroll will result in tax penalties (currently \$695 per adult or 2.5% of your household income (whichever is higher)).

Q: “I qualify for Medi-Cal now because of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). If Obamacare goes away, will that mean that I will no longer get to keep my Medi-Cal?”

A: No changes have been made to the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) or Medi-Cal. As of now, things have remained the same in the world of health coverage. You should remain in your

medical plan and continue to see your doctors regularly.