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Alderman Cardenas Announces Education-based Collaborative to Address Health Insurance Options Outside the Marketplace

CHICAGO, IL – The Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition in conjunction with Alderman George A. Cardenas, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Environmental Protection will hold a press conference regarding health insurance tomorrow; October 31st at 10am; at the Pan American Bank, 2627 West Cermak Road, Chicago, IL 60608. The Affordable Care Act has made great strides to increase access to health insurance for the U.S. population. However, there are still segments of the City of Chicago that are uninsured due to misinformation regarding their health insurance options. Individuals who are not eligible for Federal, State, County, and Municipal subsidized health care coverage can explore private pay insurance as an option. This initiative was created in partnership with the Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition, several health care institutions, and health insurance companies.

“Misinformation and confusion should not be part of health outcomes for anyone in the City of Chicago”, stated Alderman Cardenas. “This will improve life opportunities for individuals and families with fewer financial pressures such as treatment for injury or illness.”

Lack of awareness has a huge impact on the health of Chicago residents and the financial health of institutions. This initiative will supplement efforts at the national level to decrease costs to individuals due to fewer emergency visits and to improve quality of life in the immediate future and long-term.

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