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As Deadline Approaches, Center for Civil Justice to Host “Obamacare” Sign Up Session

Saginaw, MI – March 18, 2014 – Center for Civil Justice and the Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency are holding an Affordable Care Act (aka “Obamacare”) information and application help session on March 24th, 2014, for people without affordable health coverage. The event will be held at 5:30 pm in Hoyt Library, 505 Janes Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607. Anyone who would like information about becoming insured is welcome. The session will include one-on-one help signing up for health coverage and subsidies.

“We especially want to reach people who need coverage but think they can’t afford it,” said Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice Advocacy Director. “The Healthy Michigan Plan will be opening up new opportunities for parents and childless adults who’ve gone without coverage or been denied through the Marketplace or Medicaid in the past.” The Healthy Michigan Medicaid plan will cover low income individuals (under 133% of the federal poverty level – roughly \$26,000 a year or \$2,200 a month for a family of 3) who are under age 65 and not eligible for Medicare. Many people previously denied or ineligible for Medicaid will be eligible under this new program.

For those with higher income, the Affordable Care Act Marketplace allows individuals to compare and purchase insurance plans through private insurance companies. The Marketplace also offers Health Insurance subsidies to households with incomes up to 400% of the federal poverty level (roughly \$78,000 a year for a family of 3).

March 31st is the final day that individuals can sign up for insurance on the Affordable Care Act Marketplace in 2014. Enrollment for the Healthy Michigan Plan will be ongoing with no deadline.

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