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Ford Teams Up with Hartgrove Hospital and Get Covered America To Host "Get Covered for a Stronger Mind and Body Day" *To Help People Gain Health Insurance Coverage*

CHICAGO – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, has teamed up with Get Covered America in efforts to enroll more people for health insurance coverage, and on December 6 will join Hartgrove Hospital and other community providers to host a health education resource fair to assist members of the community.

“During this time of rapid changes in health care, one of my goals is to help bring together different organizations to help meet the needs on the West Side of Chicago, Oak Park, and the surrounding communities,” said Ford. Austin has the largest population of any neighborhood in Chicago and is one of the most underserved communities with regard to health insurance coverage. Open enrollment in the health insurance marketplace runs from November 15, 2014 through February 15, 2015, meaning that quality affordable health coverage is available to all regardless of current state of health, income level or employment status. Free and open to the public, the health education resource fair on December 6 will give attendees a greater understanding of the importance of health care coverage, how to choose the right health insurance plan, and a chance to meet West Side health providers who will give options to be connected to a medical home for "Stronger Minds and Bodies".

The fair will feature enrollment assistance, free health screenings, general well-being advice and demonstrations. In addition, Get Covered America, a nonprofit, nonpartisan campaign of Enroll America focused on raising public awareness and engaging consumers about the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), will be presenting information about new health coverage options, available financial assistance, and local resources for enrollment assistance. Participating health service providers include: Hartgrove Hospital; Loretto Hospital; Cook County Health & Hospital System; West Suburban Medical Center; PCC Community Wellness Center; Westside Health Authority; Bobby E. Wright Community Behavioral Health Center; Circle Family HealthCare Network, Lawndale Christian Health Center, and many more.

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Who:	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, Get Covered America, Hartgrove Hospital, West Side health care providers
What:	Chicago West Side "Get Covered for a Stronger Mind and Body Day" Health Education and Outreach Event
When:	Saturday, December 6, 2014, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Where:	Hartgrove Hospital, 5730 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60644

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