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AS OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS, CANCER INSURANCE CHECKLIST IS UPDATED TO HELP PATIENTS CHOOSE HEALTH INSURANCE

Cancer Support Community and Partnering Organizations Launch Newly Updated Tool to Help Patients Navigate Health Insurance Marketplaces

WASHINGTON - (Nov. 12, 2014) - The Cancer Support Community and a group of 18 partnering cancer and patient advocacy organizations launched today an updated version of the Cancer Insurance Checklist, a resource to help people with cancer, a history of cancer, or a risk of cancer evaluate insurance plans in the health insurance marketplaces during the 2015 open enrollment period, which begins on November 15th.

The Cancer Insurance Checklist guides consumers in reviewing the coverage within each insurance plan they are considering, including coverage for providers, specialists and hospitals, medications and various common cancer treatments and services they may need. The Checklist also provides a worksheet to help the consumer detail the costs associated with each plan. The Checklist is designed to be used while evaluating insurance plans and also when discussing them with a navigator or health care provider.

Since its launch last fall, the Checklist has reached thousands of people impacted by cancer shopping for insurance on the Marketplaces. It is available in print and online as a PDF download, in English and in Spanish.

"On Nov. 15, people will turn to the marketplaces again to make decisions about health insurance for 2015. We want to make sure that people impacted by cancer fully understand the coverage for cancer-related health services under each plan they are considering," said Kim Thiboldeaux, President and CEO of the Cancer Support Community.

People with cancer concerns can download and print out the Cancer Insurance Checklist free of charge in English by visiting www.CancerInsuranceChecklist.org or in Spanish by visiting www.SegurosMedicosYCancer.org.

The Cancer Insurance Checklist was created through a partnership of the following organizations: The Assistance Fund, Association of Community Cancer Centers, Avalere Health, Cancer Support Community, Chronic Disease Fund, Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation, International Myeloma Foundation, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer Alliance, Melanoma Research Foundation, Men's Health Network, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, National Patient Advocate Foundation, Oncology Nursing Society, Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, Patient Advocate Foundation, Patient Services, Inc. and Prevent Cancer Foundation. Production costs for the Cancer Insurance

Checklist were supported by a grant from Novartis Oncology.

About the Cancer Support Community

The mission of the Cancer Support Community (CSC) is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community. In 2009, The Wellness Community and Gilda's Club joined forces to become the Cancer Support Community. The combined organization, with more than 50 years of collective experience, provides the highest quality social and emotional support for people impacted by cancer through a network of over 50 licensed affiliates, more than 100 satellite locations and a vibrant online community, touching more than one million people each year.

Backed by evidence that the best cancer care includes social and emotional support, the Cancer Support Community offers these services free of charge to men, women and children with any type or stage of cancer and to their loved ones. As the largest, professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community delivers a comprehensive menu of personalized and essential services including support groups, educational workshops, exercise, art and nutrition classes and social activities for the entire family. In 2013, CSC delivered more than \$48 million in free services to patients and families. The Cancer Support Community is advancing the innovations that are becoming the standard in complete cancer care. So that no one faces cancer alone.® For more information, please visit www.cancersupportcommunity.org.

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