

OBAMACARE RECRUITING ILLEGALS IN CALIFORNIA



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Historia

La Ley de Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Precio (ACA), la Ley de Seguro Social (SSA), y regulaciones de aplicación establecen los procedimientos para la determinación de elegibilidad por cobertura en un plan de salud autorizado a través del mercado de seguros (Covered California) o por medio de un programa de seguro asequible. Se las leyes y reglamentos de aplicación, la información proporcionada por individuos la cobertura no podrá ser utilizada para fines distintos de asegurar el funcionamient eficiente del mercado de seguros (Covered California) o de la administración del programa, o de verificar ciertas determinaciones de elegibilidad, incluyendo la verificación de la situación migratoria de estas personas.

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In 2009, Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) apologized profusely to the White House for shouting, "You lie!" as President Barack Obama told Congress that Obamacare would not cover illegal immigrants. Now it would appear that the White House owes Wilson an apology, as Covered California--the flagship of state Obamacare exchanges--is recruiting illegal ("undocumented") immigrants to sign up for the program, regardless of their eligibility.

The Covered California website includes a special page entitled: "No temas si eres indocumentado/a y quieres inscribir a tu familia en un seguro médico" ("Fear not if you are undocumented and want to enroll your family in health insurance"). The website goes on to explain that information shared with Obamacare cannot be shared with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It does not explicitly warn that illegal aliens are ineligible.

"According to the laws and implementing regulations," the website says, "the information provided by individuals for coverage can not be used for purposes other than ensuring the efficient functioning of the insurance market (Covered California) or administration of the program, or to verify certain eligibility determinations including verification of the immigration status of these people."

As Bloomberg News notes (http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-02-14/lag-inenrolling-latinos-in-obamacare-spurs-new-california-push.html), Latinos have been slow to sign up for Obamacare, partly because of problems with the Spanish-language version of the Obamacare website, and partly because some immigrant families are afraid of providing information to the government or using public assistance, among other factors.

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Covered California is devoting additional resources to recruiting more Latino enrollees before the deadline at the end of March.

Obamacare has been under greater pressure to produce impressive enrollment numbers as the program comes under more intense scrutiny from politicians and the public, providing a possible motive for recruiting illegal aliens to enroll. Earlier this week, the federal government announced that 3.3 million people had signed up nationwide, but that included (http://www.breitbart.com/InstaBlog/2014/02/12/Obamacare-Enrollment-Hits-3-3-Million-but-not-really) people who had not yet paid, and actually represented a slowing (http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/obamacare-enrollment-rate-slows-markedly-january_781553.html) rate of enrollment, with too few young people joining the program.

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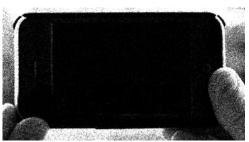
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