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Arkansas Insurance Department Announces Guide Training Program

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (May 17, 2013) The Arkansas Insurance Department announces it has contracted with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to coordinate the Guide training program, which will be conducted through the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges WorkForce Training Consortium.

The Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges will utilize Arkansas's 22 public two-year colleges and one four-year university to train Guides to help more than 500,000 consumers. Guides will assist consumers as they learn about their health insurance options and prepare to enroll in private health insurance through the new Health Insurance Marketplace beginning October 1.

Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas will serve as the lead institution to coordinate the training. Additional lead colleges will develop, implement and monitor the training. Those two-year colleges are North Arkansas Community College in Harrison, Black River Technical College in Pocahontas, East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City, South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado, Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock and National Park Community College in Hot Springs. The additional 15 two-year colleges and the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith will also participate in helping prepare the workers.

More than 635 Guides and others will be trained between June and December 31.

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