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## 186,000 Nevadans Access Health Coverage through Nevada Health Link During Open Enrollment

Carson City, NV – Open enrollment for health insurance offered on Nevada Health Link closed on March 31, 2014 with extremely high traffic counts. The last day to enroll saw over 7000 simultaneous users filling out applications and shopping for income based health insurance plans. The final enrollment numbers saw a strong surge in the last two days of the enrollment period.

41,823 consumers confirmed Qualified Health Plan selections 139,442 consumers submitted applications for coverage through Medicaid 5,558 children submitted applications for Nevada Checkup 45,961 consumers confirmed dental plan selections

Consumers who confirmed plan selections have until April 15, 2014 to pay for the plans and receive a May 1, effective date. As of today, 25,899 consumers have paid for their health insurance plans and 23,553 consumers have paid for dental coverage. Of the paid enrollments, Clark and Nye counties were home to the most enrollees with 68% of the total. Washoe County followed with 21.6%, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Storey counties had 8.1% and the rest of the state came in with 2.3% of total enrollment.

"The swell in enrollment activity as the deadline neared could be measured by the hour," commented Steve Fisher the Interim Executive Director of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. "The successful enrollment events in Las Vegas and Reno on Saturday combined with the extraordinary number of Nevadans enrolling on Monday pushed the enrollment numbers to the current levels."

Tuesday April 1, marked the beginning of a sixty day special enrollment period that will end on May 30, 2014. Consumers who encountered technical difficulty while attempting to enroll in health insurance policies on Nevada Health Link before the close of open enrollment will have 60 days to finalize their plan selection and pay. For more information on the special enrollment period, please visit <a href="www.NevadaHealthLink.com">www.NevadaHealthLink.com</a>.