

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Presentation on the Affordable Care Act, Increasing Access for Shoreline Citizens		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Rob Beem, Community Services Manager and Jenn Muhm (Legislative Affairs Officer, Public Health – Seattle & King County)		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Health reform is here and big changes are coming. Starting in October, Shoreline residents will have a new way to find, compare and enroll in affordable health insurance coverage. Enrollment begins October 1, 2013.

King County and the City's Human Services program have made it a priority to ensure that all eligible residents are enrolled. The City has featured health reform in *Currents* and on the front page of the City's web site. King County is under contract with the State to assist in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Locally the Center for Human Services is providing in person assistance to people with questions and assisting individuals signing up for health coverage. This evening, Jenn Muhm, Legislative Affairs Officer at Public Health Seattle-King County will be present to discuss the opportunities presented by health reform, to review ways people can access enrollment information and to highlight the benefits to Shoreline residents who are both un- and under insured.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required. This item is intended for information only and to bring awareness to a City-wide issue.

Approved By:           City Manager **JU**   City Attorney **IS**

Attachment A: Shoreline Fact Sheet Health Insurance Profile

## Shoreline Partners:

- Center for Human Services
- Shoreline Library
- City of Shoreline

Enrollment events and activities will be available and regularly updated at: [kingcounty.gov/coverage](http://kingcounty.gov/coverage)

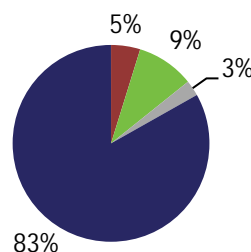
## King County Goal: Increase access to health coverage

Health Reform is here and big changes are coming. Starting this fall, Shoreline residents will have a new way to find, compare and enroll in affordable health insurance coverage. It's called Washington Healthplanfinder. Enrollment begins on Oct. 1, 2013 for coverage that begins Jan. 1, 2014.

King County has made it a countywide priority to ensure all residents who are newly eligible for health coverage are enrolled. Opportunities to insure residents are through:

- *Medicaid*, which will expand by increasing the income eligibility to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This increase will allow about 80,000 people in King County, who are currently uninsured, to become eligible for Medicaid.
- Our state's Health Benefit Exchange, called *Washington Healthplanfinder*, which will give consumers and small businesses a new way to find, compare and enroll in affordable health insurance. Subsidized premiums and tax credits will be available to the approximately 100,000 King County residents with incomes 139%-400% of poverty.

### City of Shoreline Health Insurance Profile



- Eligible for Medicaid (<138% FPL)
- Eligible for Tax Credits (139-400% FPL)
- Eligible for Exchange (over 400% FPL)

#### Federal Poverty Levels by Income

100% = \$11,490 (\$23,550 for family of four)  
138% = \$15,856 (\$32,499 for family of four)  
400% = \$45,960 (\$94,200 for family of four)

- **5,757 people are uninsured**, which is about 17% of the population in the City of Shoreline.
- Of the uninsured, **1,638 people will be eligible for Medicaid** through the expansion.
- Of the uninsured, **3,235 will be eligible for subsidies and tax credits** through the Health Benefit Exchange.



# Health insurance access in King County

## **Coverage is Here King County: Our best opportunity to address health inequity**

Wide disparities exist in King County related to place, race/ethnicity, education and income. In fact, King County has some of the greatest disparities in the U.S. in a number of determinants of health, including health coverage. Lack of health insurance is much more common in some communities. For example, 30% of residents in SeaTac are uninsured, while only 2% of residents in Mercer Island are uninsured.

