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Enrollment Applications for Affordable Health Care Help are Streamlined and Made Consumer-Friendly

Revised Application Forms are Vastly Improved and Will Increase Likely Enrollment

Today, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that application forms for health coverage through the Affordable Care Act have been revised. The following is the reaction of Ron Pollack, Executive Director of the health consumer organization Families USA, about this development:

"The revised Affordable Care Act application forms deserve applause because they will streamline the enrollment process and make it consumer-friendly.

"These streamlined and shortened forms significantly improve the likelihood that large numbers of people will truly get enrolled and gain access to affordable health coverage.

"With tens of millions of uninsured people eligible for new help in securing affordable health coverage – either through substantial premium tax credits that will make private health insurance much more affordable or through the expansion of Medicaid – it is crucial that the enrollment process is as simple and consumer-friendly as possible.

"The new, improved forms are a huge step in that direction."

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Families USA is the national organization for health care consumers. It is nonprofit and nonpartisan, and its mission is to secure high-quality, affordable health coverage and care for all Americans.

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