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## Insure Oklahoma funded through 2017

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) has secured federal funding to continue to operate the Insure Oklahoma premium assistance program in 2017.

Insure Oklahoma helps businesses and their modest and low-income employees afford health insurance coverage. The program, which has been in operation since November 2005, currently serves 19,527 Oklahomans with more than 4,000 businesses participating.

“Since its creation 11 years ago, Insure Oklahoma has been integral in helping working Oklahomans access and afford health coverage,” said OHCA Chief Executive Officer Becky Pasternik-Ikard. “We look forward to offering this program to businesses and employees in 2017.”

Insure Oklahoma is funded by state tobacco tax matched by federal Medicaid dollars. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) advised OHCA that federal funding for the program would continue through Dec. 31, 2017. State leaders will continue to pursue a long-term funding agreement for the program. To read Gov. Mary Fallin's statement on this extension, click [here](#).

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