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**Help understanding and pre-enrollment for the Affordable Care Act**  
*Proviso Township Mental Health Commission and Healthcare Alternatives  
Systems trained assisters to participate in Melrose Park Event*

Hillside, Ill. – Individuals who need help understanding and registering for President Obama’s signature health care law, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), can talk to one of the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission’s trained “assisters” at a communitywide resource fair in Melrose Park on November 2, 2013.

“For some people, a face-to-face meeting is better than the internet,” said Proviso Township Mental Health Commission Executive Director Jesse D. Rosas. “This gives them that opportunity.”

This is one of several community events to help people with the new healthcare law that the PTMHC and Healthcare Alternatives Systems (HAS) will participate in. Individuals unable to attend this event will have other opportunities, or they can call the PTMHC directly at 708-240-4435, or email [affordablecare@ptmhc.org](mailto:affordablecare@ptmhc.org).

PTMHC and HAS staffers will be on hand to explain the ACA: What it is, what it does, and how to sign up. Individuals wishing to pre-enroll for the program can do so.

The Community Resource Fair, sponsored by State Rep. Kathleen Willis will be held on November 2 at the Melrose Park Gymnasium, 100 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will also feature more than 30 services providers for residents of all ages and conduct free health screenings.

**About PTMHC**

*The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission provides services to over 4,140 individuals in need of mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities services through the 26 agencies the commission supports. PTMHC helps victims of domestic violence by supporting agencies that provide legal assistance, shelter and transportation. In addition, as a member of Illinois Joining Forces, PTMHC supports programs that address veterans issues. The commission and its member agencies also provide a continuum of supportive services for seniors as well as help for at-risk youth with services for runaways, teen pregnancy prevention and gangs.*

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