Important information on an ACA-related court decision

You and your clients may have heard about a federal court decision released Friday night that deals with the Affordable Care Act. This message is to assure you that nothing has changed. All the coverage options, consumer protections, and financial assistance that your clients rely on are still in place, and open enrollment continues until tonight at 11:59 p.m. Pacific time.

As you likely have seen in the news, a Texas judge has ruled that the ACA is unconstitutional. That doesn’t stop ACA programs and protections, though. The ruling will be appealed in a process that will take a long time. The law will continue to stand, and all its parts will continue to be implemented, as those appeals play out.

This understanding has been confirmed by our federal partners. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which has responsibility for most ACA programs, announced the following: "The district court decision in Texas v. Azar is still moving through the courts. The Marketplaces are still open for business, and we will continue with open enrollment. There will be no impact to enrollee’s current coverage or their coverage in a 2019 plan."

Please contact Michael Morter at (503) 428-4418 or Micheil Wallace at (503) 315-9112 with any questions. And thank you for your dedication to coverage for Oregonians, despite what can feel like a challenging environment. You are all doing important work!