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Port Helps Drivers Obtain Affordable Health Plans

Healthy Drivers toll-free number offers information, enrollment

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As part of its landmark Clean Trucks Program, the Port of Long Beach has launched the Healthy Drivers Program to help drayage truck drivers obtain affordable health insurance for themselves and their families.

Representatives for the Port of Long Beach Healthy Drivers Program are available to guide drivers through a package of affordable health insurance options researched by the Port. Drivers simply call the toll-free number (1-800-985-8608), and speak to a representative, in English or Spanish.

The Clean Trucks Program will slash drayage-truck related air pollution by 80 percent by 2012, improve Port security and enhance truck road safety. Offering affordable health insurance to drivers is also a key part of the program, and Healthy Drivers fulfills that need.

"Making these options available to drivers in our Port is an integral part of the Clean Trucks Program. With this service, we provide drivers an easy way to find information that gives them the opportunity to enroll in a number of affordable health plans," said Richard Steinke, the Port's Executive Director.

The health insurance options include a Blue Shield PPO (Preferred Provider Organization); a Health Net HMO; Healthy Families, Health Net and Blue Shield HMOs for children; and a "mini medical" plan provided through Patriot Health.

Coverage can start immediately. Drivers who are ready to enroll or those seeking information should call 1-800-985-8608 to speak to a representative.

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