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**Affordable Health Insurance Options for Sole Proprietors and Businesses Offered
by Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce
*New Dental Options Available Too***

Wappingers, NY...With the goal of making health insurance more accessible and affordable for its members, the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce announces that it has increased the array of health insurance options it offers to local businesses by including new plans with monthly fees starting at \$140, said Ann Meagher, GSDCC president. Plans are available for both sole proprietors and groups of two or more.

Sole proprietors will have the increased choice and flexibility of 14 plans. Benefits range from very basic to comprehensive coverage. They include a limited defined benefit program with caps on what the plan pays for each type of service received, a 365 day GHI Hospital Wrap plan with limited doctor office visits but comprehensive hospitalization coverage, to an individual Health Savings Account option, to more expensive first dollar coverage options with 3 different insurance companies. Coverage options are for employee, employee and spouse, employee and child(ren), and family. New dental plans are also available through Guardian Life Insurance Company, the GSDCC Direct Access Dental Plan, and an indemnity dental offering.

“With so many options, insurance plans can now be more customized to fit a member’s business and health needs,” said Meagher.

“We want to be able to provide our members with quality health care insurance that they can afford, thereby decreasing the number of uninsured adults and children in Dutchess County,” said Meagher.

“We feel with the options now available, an employee benefits package can be tailored to address the needs of a more diverse workplace rather than the traditional one size fits all approach. In addition, the options allow employers, who were unable to afford the cost of providing medical benefits before, to choose from a menu that can give them a leg up in retaining their biggest assets, their employees,” she added.

For further information about the insurance options offered by the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, call Membership Director Nancy Johnston at 845.296.0001, ext. 113.

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