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Cover Maine Now! Coalition Recognized for Advocacy *Work Continues to Expand Access to Health Care for Thousands*

PORTLAND – The Cover Maine Now! Coalition, which includes more than 90 organizations working together to promote accepting federal funds to expand access to health coverage for more Mainers, was honored today with the American Lung Association’s Patient Advocacy Award.

“Our coalition, which continues to grow, is committed to making sure working and low-income families in Maine have access to health insurance coverage,” said Sara Gagné-Holmes, executive director of Maine Equal Justice Partners and a leader of the Cover Maine Now! Coalition. “We are grateful for this honor, for the American Lung Association’s support of the coalition and for all our coalition partners who remain committed to putting federal dollars to work providing health insurance to Mainers.”

The award was presented during the American Lung Association’s Annual Awards Luncheon, which was held today at the Abromson Community Education Center at the University of Maine in Portland.

The Cover Maine Now! Coalition continues to work in support of expanding access to health care. The Legislature is expected to consider accepting federal funds to provide access to health care to nearly 70,000 Mainers when it reconvenes next year.

For a full list of coalition members, visit: <http://www.covermainenow.com>

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