

#### MNSURE UPDATE

As a result of the Public Health Covid-19 emergency declaration, the federal office of Health and Human Services paused renewals and closures of Medical Assistance and Minnesota Care Coverage.

Consumers enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare effective Jan. 1, 2020 or have qualified for one of these programs since March 2020 have not received a renewal notice or experienced a closure.

The Federal Public Health
Emergency (PHE) is currently
due to expire on July 14, 2022.
If the PHE ends in July, Medical
Assistance renewals would
resume in October 2022 and
MinnesotaCare renewals would
occur in the Fall for January
2023 eligibility. For now,
consumers should report
application changes, paying
close attention to addresses and
phone numbers that may need
to be updated.

To report MNsure changes consumers can:

- 1. Call the MNsure Contact Center 855-366-7873
- Call their county of residence if they are covered by Medical Assistance
- 3. Call MinnesotaCare 800-657-3672

Contact CRC staff with questions at: 218-333-0880

More information can be found at MNsure's website:

Renewal FAQ / MNsure

Apply for Special Enrollment Period (SEP) / MNsure

# **ACCESS TO CRC STAFF**

## Bemidji:

## Call our general line at 218-333-0880

- Leave a message, and you will receive a call back from the first available staff member.
- If you are already working with one of our staff mention their name in your message. If they are available, they will return your call - if they are out for the day someone else will respond on their behalf.
- In person appointments are available but must be requested in advance by calling 218-333-0880. No drop in's please.
- We are answering our phones: Monday Friday
   8:00 am 4:30 pm except on Holidays.

## **Blackduck:**

Call 218-835-5768

- Office Hours: Monday Friday, 8:00 am 4:30 pm
- Staff are available by phone or in person appointment
- The Blackduck Resource Center is located at #17 Main Street the old Moon Drug Building.

### Walker:

Call 218-333-0880

- Call to request an appointment
- In person appointments in Walker are available by request.

#### **TELEPHONE REASSURANCE**

# REDUCING SOCIAL ISOLATION, LONELINESS & ANXIETY OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH AGING AT HOME



- Do you know someone 60 and older and living alone?
- Are you concerned that they may be lonely?
- · Worried that a fall that might leave someone you care about unable to call for help?

These concerns are not unusual for people living alone, their caregivers or their loved ones. There is something that you can do about it: **Telephone Reassurance.** 

Staff of Community Resource Connections, a private nonprofit organization based in Bemidji and working out of the Blackduck Resource Center, is accepting telephone reassurance participants living in rural Beltrami County.

#### We will:

- Meet with a Senior, or someone with a disability, in their home or at our office.
- Gather background information and establish the areas of most concern to them and their caregivers.
- Agree on a call schedule and frequency—connecting the participant with a consistent caller who they will get to know over time.
- Create a plan with caregivers in case of an emergency.
- Review services the participant might need.

# Call us today: 218-835-5768

Donations for this service are accepted; but not required.

NO one will be turned away due to income or assets.

This project is made possible in part, under the Federal Older American's Act through a grant with the NWRDC under an Area Plan approved by the Minnesota Board on Aging.

# **Upcoming Member Events**

Watch our "Happenings" email posts each week for detailed flyers on area events.

- **♣** Rural Health Worker Conference May 20, 2022 Registration is now open.
- ♣ The Legal Services Justice Bus will be at the Bemidji Public Library on April 28th.
- ♣ Nature & Self: Environment & Body Saturday April 23, 2022 at 3 p.m. at the Bemidji Public Library. An in person reading by authors Moheb Soliman and Katheryn Savage.
- → Great River Rescue Furr Bowl April 30, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bemidji Bowling alley. Register at www.greatriverrescue.com/furrbowl.
- ♣ Support Within Reach presents: The Amazing Race April 30th contact@supportwithinreach.org or call 218-444-9524.
- ♣ Suds and Seeds at the Bemidji Brewery April 24th 12:30 to 2:30 Help volunteers package seeds for the "One Vegetable One Community" project while enjoying a brew.
- ♣ "All About Frybread" April 23rd at Harmony Co-op. The event is open to the first 10 people registered email galloa@krls.org to register. The event will be live streamed on the Beltrami County Historical Society & Harmony Co-op Facebook pages.
- ♣ Kelliher Health Fair Tuesday May 17 starting at 3:30 p.m. Register to participate by April 29th by emailing Diane Mostad at mostad@paulbunyan.net .
- ♣ Medicare 101 Informational training. Held via Zoom the 3rd Thursday of each month 2-4 p.m. No cost. Call 1-800-333-2433 to register.

## **Looking for Information About Local Resources?**

Check out our online Resource Directory at

www.crcinform.org