HAPPY NEW YEAR

MNsure's QHP open enrollment period ended on January 15, 2023.

There are times that consumers can qualify for health insurance and enroll in plans outside of open enrollment. This is known as experiencing a **Qualifying Life Event**. Examples of qualifying life events include:

- Birth, death, or divorce within the household
- Involuntary loss of health insurance through an employer
- The loss of Medical Assistance or MNcare due to an income increase
- Moving into or out of Minnesota

Medical Assistance and MNcare, two of 3 MNsure programs, **do not have an open enrollment period.** You can apply and enroll any time throughout the year. Only the MNsure marketplace Qualified Health Plans have an enrollment period.

Minnesota's Department of Health and Human Services is preparing to start up the annual renewal process for participants enrolled in Minnesota Care and Medical Assistance. All public program renewals were halted at the start of Covid -19 in 2020, and households have maintained nonstop coverage for nearly 3 years.

IMPORTANT: Automatic renewals will end soon regardless of the status of the public health emergency.

If you or someone you know has Medical Assistance or MNcare please make sure to report a current mailing address to the county of residence (MA) or the State of MN for MNcare. Otherwise, renewals will be sent to an old address, the consumer won't receive it, and coverage will be terminated for lack of response.

PLEASE PRINT AND POST THE FLYER INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER IN YOUR WAITING AREAS OR OTHER HIGHLY VISIBLE LOCATIONS.

If you feel that you need access to more affordable health insurance, ask our MNsure Navigators about how to complete the MNsure application.

Report Changes For Public Programs By Phone:

MNcare: 800-657-3672

Medical Assistance:

Beltrami County:
218-333-8300, ext 2

Cass County:
218-547-1340

Clearwater County:
218-694-6164

Hubbard County:
218-732-1451

If you are currently enrolled in Medical Assistance or Minnesota Care through MNsure update your mailing address today!

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MNsure Navigators with Community Resource Connections can help you with reporting program changes
Call 218-333-0880

Interagency Networking Meetings:

The first Thursday of each month, starting at 10 a.m. and lasting about one and a half hours, Community Resource Connections' staff facilitate a Zoom based networking meeting. Participants can choose to just listen in, or they can provide agency information, updates, introductions, etc. Notes are taken and emailed out to our email list. We welcome anyone and everyone from your organization.

PURPOSE: Increasing awareness of area services and providers
WHO IS INVITED: Agency Staff – as many or few as you care to have participate.
HOW TO GAIN ACCESS: Email rsherman@crcinform.org and request that your name be added to the reminder list. If accepted, a meeting notice will be posted in your Outlook Calendar containing the link. A reminder notice is also manually emailed out the week before each meeting.
<u>**Meeting dates in 2023: All starting at 10 a.m.**</u>
February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1
July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7

"Happenings" Notices:

Throughout the week, Community Resource Connections' staff gather agency event information, program information, job listings, and other pertinent data. Each Friday, Community Resource Connections' staff scan and send out those notices to our member agencies and our Interagency Networking Meeting mailing list. If you have notices you would like others to see, please email those to rsherman@crcinform.org no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday each week. We run each notice for 3 weeks or until its information expires.

Director/Management Networking:

Historically we have met every other month for an informal networking of area human service directors and/or upper management. We have found that most Directors have so many meetings to attend each month that if they can eliminate one – they do! So, we are now planning these networking opportunities around other topics of discussion. A meeting with the city mayor, an emergency housing situation or Covid issue, a presentation by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, are examples. If you would like Community Resource Connections to host someone or you have a topic specific that you would like featured, please let us know by emailing rsherman@crcinform.org. All ideas are welcome.

Community Resource Connections

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We are here to help!

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In Need of a Meeting Room?

<u>Nonprofit Membership</u> with Beltrami County History Center
INCLUDES
FREE use of our meeting room
(once a month or less, subject to availability)

- For meetings of up to 17 people (seated at tables) or 25 (chairs only)
- WIFI, computer, and screen available for sharing presentations, video, Zoom
- Coffee maker and refrigerator available for use
- ADA-accessible restrooms
- Group museum tour available for small additional fee, if requested

Nonprofit Membership is $25/year and includes meeting room access for up to 12 meetings per year!

To sign up, please contact Emily Thabes, Executive Director: ethabes@beltramihistory.org