



MNSURE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Recap information provided by MNsure:

- Private health plan sign-ups: 129,537
- New public program (Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare) applicants: 29,100
- Total accessing health coverage through MNsure: 158,637
- Dental plan sign-ups: 29,745
- Percentage of households receiving tax credits: 57%
- Statewide average annual tax credit by household: \$6,220

Community Resource Connections Navigators are pleased to offer direct client assistance with MNsure applications, renewals and general MNsure questions.

Our Navigators are trained by MNsure and contract with MNsure to provide this assistance.

Action Needed:

The Federal Health Emergency has been reviewed and it has been determined that those enrolled with public programs (Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare) will begin the renewal process soon. Please watch your mail for more information!

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

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**

***Prevent gaps in service
coverage!***

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

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



Free Tax Preparation Assistance

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program will again provide free tax preparation assistance, especially for people over age 50 or with a low to moderate income. **This service will be available at the Bemidji Senior Center beginning February 6 and continuing through April 14.** The Tax-Aide office will be open on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with walk-in service. No appointments will be made; clients will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

Anyone wanting to file a tax return will need to bring a photo ID, social security cards for all individuals on the return, documents showing all forms of income, amounts of deductible items such as charitable contributions, information about health insurance coverage and last years' tax return if it is available. If applying for a renter's or homestead credit refund, the certificate of rent paid (CRP) or 2023 property tax statement is also needed.

This free service is provided by the Bemidji Senior Center, the AARP Foundation, IRS, and the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Please call the Bemidji Senior Center at 218-751-8836 if you have questions.

Bemidji State University

Site Address: 1500 Birchmont Dr NE
County: Beltrami
Program Type: VITA
Available services: In Person
Available dates: 3/12/2023 - 4/19/2023
Hours: Monday - Thursday: 05:00 pm-08:00 pm
Phone: 218-755-3713

Park Rapids Mahube

Site Address: 120 Central Ave N
County: Hubbard
Program Type: VITA
Available services: In Person
Available dates: 2/6/2023 - 4/11/2023
Hours: Tuesday: 12:30 pm-04:30 pm
Thursday: 09:00 am-04:30 pm
Phone: 218-530-2658

Hackensack Senior Center

Site Address: 213 1st St S - Do not call before February 22nd
County: Cass
Program Type: AARP Tax Aide
Available services:
Available dates: 2/7/2023 - 4/11/2023
Hours: Wednesday: 08:30 am-01:00 pm
Phone: 314-420-2670

Comments: By appointment only.

Bagley Public Library – The phone number listed is not currently in use – it will be working when they are ready to take appointments around February 14th.

Site Address: 79 Spencer Ave SW
County: Clearwater
Program Type: AARP Tax Aide
Available services:
Available dates: 1/31/2023 - 4/17/2023
Hours: Wednesday: 10:00 am-02:00 pm
Phone: 218-553-0839

Comments: Appointment required.

Salem Lutheran Church –(only 8 openings left as of 1/24/23)

Site Address: 1340 County Road 5
County: Cass
Program Type: AARP Tax Aide
Available services:
Available dates: 2/8/2023 - 4/12/2023
Hours: Thursday: 08:30 am-01:00 pm
Phone: 218-675-6532
Languages:
Military certified? No
Accessible site? No
Comments: Appointment required.

Other assistance may be available. Please check this website for other locations:
[Free Tax Preparation Sites | Minnesota Department of Revenue \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Community Resource Connections

716 Paul Bunyan Dr NW

Bemidji, MN 56601

We are here to help!

218-333-0880

www.crcinform.org



Area Food Resources

FOOD SHELVES

Always call ahead for hours:

- Akeley Nevis Community Food Shelf.....(218) 652-2388
- Bemidji Community Food Shelf.....(218) 444-6580
 - Blackduck Mobile Services: Shelf Savers.....(218) 444-6580
 - Kelliher Mobile Services: Shelf Savers.....(218) 444-6580
- Bemidji State University Students Food Pantry.....(218) 755-3766
- Clearwater County Food Shelf Bagley.....(218) 694-6400
- Hubbard County Food Shelf Park Rapids.....(218) 732-1282
- Laporte Community Food Shelf.....(218) 224-2417
- Leech Lake.....(218) 335-2676
- Northome Food Shelf.....(218) 533-1594
- Pine River Food Shelf.....(218) 587-2283
- Walker Area Food Shelf.....(218) 547-1713

RUBY'S PANTRY

Bemidji: Host is Mount Zion Church

Clearbrook: Host is Country Faith Church

Laporte: Host is Trinity Lutheran Church

Menahga: Host is Assembly of God Church

Pine River: Host is New Life Community Church

[Find a Location \(rubyspantry.org\)](http://rubyspantry.org)

Community Table

Mondays and Tuesdays 5-6 pm at Mt Zion
Wednesdays and Thursdays 5-6 pm at United Methodist
www.communitytablebemidji.org

Journey Outreach

Sunday meals 1:30-2:30 pm
location varies by season
www.journeyoutreachbemidji.org

School Resources

Free & Reduced Lunches

Backpack Buddies (available in some
school districts)



Blackduck Community Meals

Zion Lutheran Church

Blackduck Evangelical Free

First Presbyterian Church

Rotating Mondays 5-6:30pm

More details available at the Blackduck Resource Center

An Update From Counties:

Due to Congress passing the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2023 and the President signing that bill into law, the Emergency SNAP benefits that clients were receiving on their SNAP and/or MFIP cases will be ending when the February E SNAP payment (that will be dispersed to client EBT cards in MARCH of 2023) is pushed out in March. This affects the entire state and it effects 100% of those clients who have been receiving a SNAP/MFIP benefit.



E-SNAP is ending March 2023

This will impact all households that are currently receiving Food Assistance Benefits (**SNAP & MFIP**) or approved for Food Assistance Benefits through February 2023.

Additional program details can be found here:

[Changes to SNAP Benefit Amounts - 2023 | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/food-nutrition-service/changes-to-snap-benefit-amounts-2023)

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