



MEDICAID AWARENESS MONTH

April 26, 2024 – This April, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is promoting Medicaid Awareness Month and helping community members get connected to local resources. According to Medicaid.gov, there are 2,659,826 individuals in Michigan enrolled in Medicaid as of November 2023.

Medicaid is a joint federal-state program that provides comprehensive healthcare to low-income adults and children. It covers many services, including but not limited to:

- Doctor visits
- Dental
- Vision
- Hearing and speech services
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Chiropractic
- Podiatry
- Family planning
- Pregnancy care
- Immunizations
- Surgeries
- Emergency services
- Lab
- X-ray
- Prescribed medications
- Mental health services
- Home health care

Medicaid provides healthcare coverage for those who may not be able to afford insurance, or insurance is not provided through their employer. Medicaid coverage may require a co-pay.

As of 2023, Medicaid beneficiaries in Michigan will have to renew their coverage annually to comply with federal policy.

“If Individuals have not had a Medicaid redetermination since COVID, they are encouraged to check with their MI Bridges account or contact their local MDHHS office to find out their redetermination date and to be sure their address is correct on file since COVID,” says Sally Mellema, Health Promotion Supervisor at DHD#10.

She adds, “If individuals need assistance navigating insurance options, the health department has staff available by appointment to assist. They may contact 1-888-217-3904 or visit www.northernmichiganchir.org/community-connections/ to request navigation assistance. DHD#10 staff can also help navigate Medicaid benefits including transportation reimbursement, finding a healthcare provider, dental provider or behavioral health provider who takes their Medicaid plan. If someone is



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no longer Medicaid eligible, DHD#10 has Certified Marketplace Assistance Counselors to help navigate marketplace insurance options.”

Anyone who meets eligibility criteria can enroll in Medicaid. Visit www.northernmichiganhcr.org/community-connections/ or call 888-217-3904 to schedule an appointment.

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