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Medicaid Redetermination

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, significant changes were made to Medicaid enrollment and eligibility rules to prevent people from losing Medicaid coverage during the pandemic. With the end of the federal Public Health Emergency, those flexibilities have ended, and all states are resuming their regular processes for renewing individuals' Medicaid coverage. Based on data from 28 states and the District of Columbia, Kaiser Family Foundation reports that more than 1.6 million people have been disenrolled from Medicaid as of July 5, 2023. Many of these people may still be eligible for Medicaid but lost coverage because they didn't return forms (or either they or the state made other mistakes).

Every Medicaid beneficiary needs to receive these important messages:

UPDATE your contact information with your state Medicaid agency **NOW**.

RESPOND to the Medicaid renewal form when it comes in the mail. If you don't, you may lose your coverage even if you are still eligible.

PARENTS should respond even if you are not eligible or are enrolled in other coverage. Your children could still be eligible for coverage.

CONNECT WITH RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP: If you lose Medicaid coverage and think you may still be eligible, there are programs that may be able to help you appeal the denial of Medicaid coverage or find other insurance. State protection and advocacy systems and legal advocacy organizations funded under the Older

Americans Act may be able to help with appeals. Disabled people of all ages can also contact the Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) for assistance, and older adults can contact the Eldercare Locator to find local assistance.

CHECK OTHER OPTIONS: If you are no longer eligible for Medicaid, you should check to see if you can get coverage through your employer or through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace at healthcare.gov. Older adults and people with disabilities who are eligible for Medicare can also find assistance through their State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP is a national program that offers one-on-one assistance, counseling, and education to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages, their families, and caregivers to help them make informed decisions about their care and benefits.

For more information check out:

<https://bit.ly/PGmedicaid> From *All Hands on Deck: Medicaid Beneficiaries Must Take Action to Keep Their Coverage* by Alison Barkoff.

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is Here.



DeKalb Support Group

Here at ISDD we are working hard to provide your family with a program that will benefit your household and community. Now that the pandemic is over, we are excited to announce we have rekindled our relationship with New Life Community Alliance to provide an additional evening family support group. This meeting will offer groups for youth and adults. Childcare and a light dinner will be available. This meeting will take place monthly every fourth Tuesday, from 6 pm-8 pm. New Life Community Alliance is located at 3592 Flat Shoals Rd, Decatur (do not follow GPS, stay on Flat Shoals/Candler Rd, park in lot across from KFC) . Register to attend this support group at <https://bit.ly/DeKalbPM>.

Food Resources



Free Home Food Delivery
Must live within 10 miles of East Point
<https://bit.ly/PGFoodDelivery>

Free Groceries @ The Grocery Spot
777 Charlotte Pl NW
Atlanta, GA 30318
404-969-2320
MON/WED/FRI 3pm-6pm
TUES/THURS 10am-2pm

Family Fun Day at Main Event 2023



TikTok Dance Collaboration

September is National Kinship Care Month and during this time we celebrate the amazing families and individuals who care for children when their parents are unable. Let's get together and dance in preparation for Kinship Month. Caregivers and youth will learn a coordinated dance for TikTok. For more information contact Thindiwia Bellamy (470)310-3452. This is a great opportunity to strengthen bonds between multi generations.



Client of the Month- Sylvia Griffin

Each month we select a Project GRANDD caregiver to highlight so we can get to know each other.

Ms. Sylvia Griffin is a 68-year-old grandmother who is raising one granddaughter and two grandsons. She has been a part of the Project GRANDD program for 8 years. Ms. Griffin is the client of the month because she puts in extra effort to make sure her grandchildren's needs are met and have everything they need to succeed. She is very self-sufficient. Ms. Griffin tries not to ask for help even in the time of need. She enjoys going out to eat, to the movies, and attending church with her grandchildren. Her hobbies are going for walks and she loves to travel. Ms. Griffin's favorite quote is "Precious Lord take my hand." Her advice for other caregivers raising children is to put God first and teach your children to pray, so God can lead and guide them.



SUPPORT GROUPS

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| AM Virtual Adult Support 10AM-12PM | 8/1- Support and Sharing https://bit.ly/ISDDAdult Phone: 414-600-9528 PIN: 888 104 633# | Google Meet: https://bit.ly/ISDDAdult Phone: 414-600-9528 PIN: 888 104 633# |
| Gwinnett PM Family Support 6PM-8PM | 8/2- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/PGGwinnettPM or 470-310-3458 | OneStop Norcross https://bit.ly/PGGwinnettPM Phone: 414-600-9528 PIN: 888 104 633# |
| DeKalb AM Adult Support 10:30 AM- 12:30PM | 8/8- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/DeKalbAM or 470-310-3458 | DeKalb County Library System: Covington Highway Branch RSVP: https://bit.ly/DeKalbAM Or 470-310-3458 |
| Fulton PM Family Support & Adult Virtual 6PM-8PM | 8/15- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/FultonPM or 470-310-3458 <i>A light dinner will be served 6:00pm – 6:30 pm</i> | Fulton Public Library System- Metropolitan Branch RSVP: 470-310-3458 or https://bit.ly/FultonPM Google Meet: Link Above |
| DeKalb PM Family Support 6 PM-8 PM | 8/22- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/DeKalbPM or 470-310-3458 | New Life Community Alliance RSVP: https://bit.ly/DeKalbPM or 470-310-3458 |



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