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### Medicaid: Spotting the scams

During the pandemic, states had to keep people enrolled in Medicaid so they didn't lose their insurance. Now that the health emergency declaration is over, that requirement has been phased out — which means people eligible for Medicaid have to re-enroll in their state's program or find new insurance, if they're not eligible. So, where do the scams come in?

When big changes affect millions of people, scams will follow. That means people who've been on Medicaid — including people of modest means, children, older adults, pregnant women, and people with disabilities — will be targeted by health insurance scams.

Here's what to know:

Medicaid won't charge you to renew or enroll. You may get a call, text, or email from your state Medicaid agency to renew your enrollment in your state's program. But the real Medicaid program won't ask for money or personal information like your credit card or bank account number. Learn more about eligibility for Medicaid in your state at [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov) (scroll down to find the link to your state's Medicaid agency).

Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.HealthCare.gov) to compare insurance plans, coverage, and prices. [HealthCare.gov](https://www.HealthCare.gov) lets you compare prices on health insurance plans, check your eligibility for healthcare subsidies, and begin enrollment. [HealthCare.gov](https://www.HealthCare.gov) will ask only for your monthly income and your age to give you a price quote. If anyone asks for your bank account or credit card number to give you a quote for health insurance, that's a scam. Don't do it.

Scammers try to sell you medical discount plans that are not major medical. Medical discount plans charge a monthly fee for supposed discounts on some medical services or products from a list of providers. They're not a substitute for health insurance, though some plans do give actual discounts. But others just take your money for very little in return.

If you're considering one, find out if your doctor participates in the plan. Check what coverage it gives for major events. And be sure to get the plan's details in writing before you sign up. If anyone pressures you to sign up quickly or insists you'll miss out on a special deal, say, "no, thanks."

### Happening Events:

**July 4th, Independence Day**

**July 25th, 10am-3pm** Alzheimer's Association Community Open House, 1379 Dublin Rd. Col, Oh

**July 26th, 11am-1pm** Union County Fair, Senior Day, Join for lunch and entertainment.

**August 31st, 4pm-7pm** Richwood Independent Fair, Senior Day, Join for dinner, Bingo, and entertainment.

**September 17th, 12pm-3pm** Hospets Free Vaccination: at Union County Services Parking lot, 940 London Ave, Marysville, Oh. No RSVP required.

### Adult Protective Services

Do you have concerns that a senior, 60 or over, is being maltreated? Examples include physical harm/injury, neglect, self-neglect, financial exploitation, verbal/emotional abuse, sexual abuse. Contact the Abuse Hotline at 937-644-1010 Option 1

### Mobile Markets in Union County

#### **Magnetic Springs Mobile Fresh Market**

The Old Fire Station

30 Magnetic Street

Magnetic Springs, OH

Hope Center (937) 303-4209

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

11:00 am-1:00 pm excluding January

#### **Our Lady of Lourdes Mobile Market**

1033 West 5<sup>th</sup> St

Marysville, OH

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

9:30-11:30am

#### **Milford Center Mobile Market**

Trinity Chapel CCCU

77 W Center St

Milford Center, OH

Hope Center (937) 303-4209

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month

11:00 am-1:00 pm

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

311 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Marysville, OH

Free Fresh Food

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month May to September 9:00 am

### **Key points to remember about hot weather safety**

Older people can have a tougher time dealing with heat and humidity. The temperature inside or outside does not have to be high to put you at risk for a heat-related illness.

Headache, confusion, dizziness, or nausea could be a sign of a heat-related illness. Go to the doctor or to an emergency room to find out if you need treatment.

To keep heat-related illnesses from becoming a dangerous heat stroke, remember to:

- \* Get out of the sun and into a cool, ideally air-conditioned place.
- \* Drink fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- \* Shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water.
- \* Lie down and rest.



### **Summer Crisis Program**

The **Summer Crisis Program**, part of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), provides a one-time emergency electric payment to eligible low-income households with at-risk individuals. The program runs from July 1 to August 31.

The Summer Crisis Program may also provide assistance with air conditioners, fans, deposits for new services, or transfer of old bills

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

- Individuals older than 60 or who have a documented medical condition
- Total household income must be at or below 175% of federal poverty guidelines

#### **WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO MY APPOINTMENT?**

- Proof of income for 13 weeks and/or 1 year
- Social Security numbers for everyone in the household
- Dates of birth for all household members
- Medical documentation
- Case number from the Department of Job and Family Services
- Renters need to bring the name, address, and phone number of your landlord
- Proof of citizenship
- Current utility statements and/or invoices
- Disconnect notice for gas and/or electric

#### **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions about eligibility requirements or services provided, please contact 937-642-4986



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