



May 29, 2014

Announcements

2014 Outreach and Enrollment grant proposals due Monday, June 2. Please remember that grant proposals must be submitted by 1:00 pm on Monday, June 2 via the [online process](#) (click on “Submit Proposal”). Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.

News & Updates

Next series of regional navigator calls. The next series of regional navigator calls are scheduled for Wednesday, June 4. During the call, we will take some time for navigators to share their reasons for using case status request forms. The ARC receives a large number of these, and if we can better understand what is driving this, we can identify ways to meet those needs and use ARC staff most productively. Call schedule:

- Twin Cities Metro: 12:30 to 1:00 pm
- Northern Minnesota: 1:15 to 1:45 pm
- Southern Minnesota: 2:00 to 2:30 pm

Toll-free dial-in number: (888) 742-5095

Conference code: 6278187032

Retro Medical Assistance (MA). Retroactive MA is available three months prior to the application date, which is the date the application is received by MNSure. A process for determining retroactive Medical Assistance in the legacy system (MAXIS) is in development. Look for more information on the roll-out of this process soon.

Minnesota residency requirements and migrants. Consumers age 21 and over are Minnesota residents if they live and intend to reside in Minnesota, or live in Minnesota and entered the state with a job commitment or to seek employment. Children follow their parent’s residency status.

To ensure migrant consumers receive the correct residency determination, answer the application questions as follows:

- Do you plan to make Minnesota your home?
Answer the question accurately for consumers who are migrant workers. Answering “no” to this question on the online application generates the following question:
- Did you enter Minnesota with a job commitment or to seek employment?

Answering “yes” to this question will result in a correct Minnesota residency results. On paper applications, add a statement to the blank space next to the question found in Step 1 such as, “Entered MN with a job commitment.” or “Entered MN to seek employment.”

The [MNsure Paper Application Checklist](#) has been updated to include this information.

Enrollees are required to notify the county/tribal agency or MinnesotaCare Operations within 10 days of leaving Minnesota.

Navigators share outreach ideas. In last week’s regional navigator calls, we asked participants to share ideas for outreach opportunities over the summer. Some of the suggestions included using farmers’ markets, pharmacies, local festivals, ECFE classes, public school events (like a parent involvement day), city or county public events (like a public health session), youth summer programs and camps, all-night graduation parties, job fairs, Head Start programs, grocery stores and libraries.

Resources

Health Care Coverage Opportunities for American Indians. A new resource is available, [Minnesota Health Care Coverage Opportunities for American Indians](#), that provides information about special eligibility and benefit rules that apply to American Indians.

Income guidelines and Minnesota coverage continuum resources. We wanted to remind navigators about two resources that are available to help you as you work with clients:

- [Insurance Affordability Programs \(IAPs\) Income and Asset Guidelines \(DHS-3461A\)](#) includes detailed income guidelines. This document is particularly helpful because it includes current income guidelines, as well as the income guidelines that will take effect 7/1/2014 when we move to align with the 2014 Federal Poverty Level. Pages 1 and 3 will be the appropriate guidelines for most of your clients. Pages 2 and 4 refer to special populations.
- [Minnesota Coverage Continuum in 2014](#) provides an overview of eligibility for different populations.

Reminders

Twin Cities navigator networking event: The Minneapolis Urban League is hosting a Navigator Networking event this Saturday, May 31, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Haskell’s (81 South 9th Street, Suite 130, Minneapolis). For more information, please contact Angela Williams with the Minneapolis Urban League at 612-302-3145.

Did you know?

Hardship exemptions. The Affordable Care Act grants certain people an exemption from having to pay a fee for not having health insurance coverage. One type of exemption is

demonstrating a “hardship” that prevented an individual from becoming insured. For 2014, individuals may be eligible for a [special hardship exemption](#). Did you know...

- An individual who enrolled in a QHP during open enrollment is eligible for a hardship exemption for the months prior to when coverage begins (such as an individual who enrolled after March 15 and began coverage on May 1). The individual does not need to apply for this exemption and can claim the exemption when they file their 2014 tax return.
- An individual who attempted to enroll during open enrollment and was unsuccessful, was provided additional time to enroll (an extension), and obtained either retroactive coverage or coverage by May 1 are also eligible for a hardship exemption. They are treated as if they had enrolled in coverage by March 31. They will not be required to submit an application for exemption, but can claim it when they file their 2014 tax return.

Remember, if you have any helpful facts you’d like to share with other navigators, please send them navigators@mnsure.org with the subject line “Did you know?”

Further Info/Help

If you need answers and/or help:

- email the Assister Resource Center: navigators@mnsure.org
- call 1-855-3MNSURE (1-855-366-7873), press 1-8-1 or 651-539-2098
- check the [Navigator Resource Page](#)