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## Health Insurance During the Coronavirus Emergency Period

Federal and state agencies have made changes to various health insurance programs. Here are some of the key changes as of today, April 8, 2020.

*If you have problems with Medicaid, Medicare Part B or D, or other public benefits, please call Rhode Island Legal Services' Public Benefits Unit. We can be reached at 401-274-2652.*



*We will be working remotely until further notice. For that reason, please leave us a message with your phone number and the best time to reach you. An advocate will then return your call.*

1 Readers are encouraged to review the underlying information here and reminded that this bulletin is for informational purposes only. It does not create an attorney-client relationship.

### **Medicaid Updates:**

People who were on Medicaid as of March 18, 2020 are entitled to *STAY* on Medicaid, unless they voluntarily withdraw from the program or move out of state. This coverage extension has been approved for 60 days, or until the end of the emergency period, whichever is longer.



- Renewals, eligibility redeterminations, and terminations are *POSTPONED*.
  - Sherlock Plan recipients will *continue to be covered*, even if employment status changes.
  - All COVID 19-related testing and treatment is *covered free of charge* – no cost sharing.
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### Medicare Updates:

- Coverage has been expanded to include COVID-19 testing for *free with no out-of-pocket expense*.



- COVID-19 hospitalizations are covered, *INCLUDING* any additional time that a patient must spend in the hospital due to a quarantine.
  - Visit the [medicare website](#) for medicare updates.
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### Uninsured Updates:

HealthsourceRI has extended its special enrollment period through April 15, 2020.

- Income-eligible individuals, child and families can enroll in Medicaid through HealthsourceRI at any time (no special enrollment period necessary).
- People who lose their jobs can enroll in Medicaid or other health insurance programs through HealthsourceRI, even after April 15, 2020.
- HealthsourceRI's walk-in center is presently closed. However, people can apply online by visiting [HealthSourceRI](#) OR by calling 855-840-4774, Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 6 PM.

- Uninsured people can also contact the following agencies for help:
  - Community Health Centers: call 274-1771 or visit [rihca.org](http://rihca.org)
  - Rhode Island Free Clinic: call 274-6374
  - Clinica Esperanza: call 347-9093

HealthsourceRI

## RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

We all know someone who has been impacted by this crisis. If you need help, our Providence office can be reached at 401-274-2652 and our Newport office can be reached at 401-846-2264. If you'd like to help, [donate here](#). Other helpful resources are available too. You are not alone.



Click the buttons below for more other useful information:

**Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)**

**RI Office of the Governor, Gina Raimondo**

**US Department of Veteran Affairs**

**Medicare & Medicaid Resources**

**Social Security Resource**

**United Way Rhode Island**

**RI Coalition for the Homeless**

**HealthsourceRI**

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