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## **MDHHS announces more community meetings to inform public about upcoming work requirements for Healthy Michigan Plan**

*Dearborn, Saginaw, Thumb Area forums added*

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has scheduled additional regional forums regarding work requirements for Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries.

The forums are part of the department's efforts to preserve coverage for Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries.

MDHHS is announcing three additional forums, with one in Dearborn and one in Saginaw. MDHHS is also partnering with local health departments to host a "virtual" forum in the Thumb region.

The forums began Oct. 21 and are being held at locations around the state. The goal is increasing awareness about new work requirements for the Healthy Michigan Plan that are effective Jan. 1, 2020, and preparing beneficiaries to meet the new requirements. Beneficiaries, health care providers, health plans, community organizations and the general public are invited to participate in these forums.

"At MDHHS, we want to do all we can to preserve health care coverage for Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "That's why we are joining community partners throughout the state to hold these forums, and directly helping beneficiaries understand the steps necessary to maintain their coverage."

MDHHS is implementing the new work requirements to comply with legislation approved in 2018. Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries will be required to report 80 hours of work or other activities, such as job searches, to MDHHS each month.

Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries can be excused from the requirements in some circumstances. Beneficiaries who are not excused from the requirements and fail to report may lose their health care coverage.

More than 640,000 Michiganders have coverage under the Healthy Michigan Plan, the state's expanded Medicaid program that began in 2014.

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During the virtual forum, multiple sites will participate in the same forum using videoconferencing technology. Stakeholders can participate in the virtual forum at any of the three sites.

Remaining forums, including the additional meetings, will be held at the following locations:

- **Jackson:** Nov. 5, 10-11:30 a.m., Center for Family Health, 505 N. Jackson St.
- **Kalamazoo:** Nov. 5, 2-3:30 p.m., Family Health Center, 505 E. Alcott St.
- **Grand Rapids:** (Nov. 6, 10-11:30 a.m., Eberhard Conference Center, Grand Valley State University, 301 W. Fulton St.
- **Muskegon:** Nov. 6, 2-3:30 p.m., Stevenson Room, Muskegon Community College, 211 Quarterline Road
- **Dearborn:** Nov. 12, 5-6:30 p.m., Arab American National Museum, 13524 Michigan Ave.
- **Saginaw:** Nov. 13, 10-11:30, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!, 312 E. Genesee Ave.
- **Caro:** Nov. 13, 2:30-4 p.m., Tuscola County Health Department, 1309 Cleaver Road, Suite B. This forum will be connected to the following two locations via videoconferencing:
  - **Bad Axe:** Huron County Health Department, 1142 S. Van Dyke Road
  - **Sandusky:** Sanilac County Health Department 171 Dawson St., Suite 123

MDHHS is encouraging attendees to register for the forums so the department can ensure that sufficient space and printed materials are available for participants. Register and find more information about the Healthy Michigan Plan and work requirements by visiting [HealthyMichiganPlan.org](http://HealthyMichiganPlan.org) and clicking the [Changes Coming in 2020](#) tab.

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