Messages from SMP Health - Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Families

June 2023

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy Father's Day:

The doctor says to take IRON everyday and to live on GREENS. Happy Father's Day wishes to all dads. Enjoy the wonderful memories with your families.

Onsite Hair Services with our Beautician Update:

Effective 7-1-2023 the prices for hair services will be increasing. Please see the new pricing below.

- Haircuts were \$15.00 and going up to \$20.00.
- Color which includes a haircut were \$55.00 and going up to \$65.00.
- Perms which include a haircut were \$65.00 and going up to \$75.00.

We are very fortunate to have these services onsite.

ND Medicaid Update:

North Dakota started Medicaid reviews, also known as renewals, in April 2023. Over the next 12-14 months, Medicaid members may receive a review form that **must be completed and returned**.

The first batch of forms were sent to the address on file on April 20, 2023. We are hoping to receive more completed forms back, so North Dakotans who still qualify for Medicaid stay covered. The form may have also been sent to the person's Power of Attorney or guardian.

Here are some steps you can take to remind people to return their forms.

- 1. Have they checked and opened their mail from ND Health and Human Services? The envelope looks like this:
- 2. If they need a new copy of the review form, they can get it in the self-service portal if they have a portal account. The self-service portal can be accessed at https://applyforhelp.nd.gov.
- 3. They can also get a copy of the review form by calling the Customer Support Center toll-free (866) 614-6005, emailing applyforhelp@nd.gov or by stopping at a human service zone office.

Coming Soon Legislative Update on Personal Needs Allowance for Medicaid:

The Department of Health and Human Services based on Legislative approval will be increasing the personal needs allowance for anyone on Medicaid. For the past 10 years, residents on Medicaid have been able to keep \$65 but it will be increasing to \$100 per month. Such wonderful news to allow them a little extra cash for hair services, cable tv, cell phone bills etc. that are not included as part of their stay. Official start date is to be determined but hopeful for July 2023. Please let the Business Office know if you get an updated letter from the state on a change in your loved one's Recipient Liability (RL) and we will keep a copy on record.

Covid-19/Vaccination/Infection Control Updates

On Friday, May 12, 2023, masking will be optional for residents, visitors, vendors, and staff. If an individual feels more comfortable continuing to wear a mask, then they are encouraged to do so. You must wear a mask if you are symptomatic with any respiratory illness such as runny nose, coughing or sneezing. Masks will continue to be provided at all entrances. We will remain mask free as long as we are out of outbreak status and the community isn't having high numbers based on public health authority. Communication will be sent out if anything changes regarding masking.

Visitors will still screen in at the front door and display their visitor badge. Remember when leaving the building the door will be activated to alarm if you press on the push bar without pushing in the code first. Each time you leave the building you will need to put the code **EXIT# (3948#)** into the panel on the left-hand side to unlock the door without them alarming.

Stay healthy and God bless,



