COMMUNITY CALL TO ACTION!
Changes to Medicaid That Could Affect Your Health Care Coverage

Comments are due to the Ohio Department of Medicaid by Midnight on March 18, 2018.

Here’s What’s Happening:
If you became eligible to enroll in Medicaid because of the 2014 Medicaid “expansion” you may have to meet new requirements this July. The Ohio Department of Medicaid wants to change the rules so that that most people would either have to work or volunteer in order to receive Medicaid health care coverage.

The new rules would require you to work 20 hours a week or participate in “community engagement activities” for 20 hours a week. “Community engagement activities” could mean volunteering at a state approved facility or participating in a job training program or some other work program.

If you are already enrolled in Medicaid, you will have to meet the work, volunteer or job training/program requirements when you renew your enrollment.

If you are enrolling for the first time because you are eligible due to the “expansion” you will also have to meet the work, volunteer or job training/program requirements.

Here’s What You Can Do:
You can tell the Department of Medicaid that you are concerned about these new requirements. Email them at: MedicaidWorks@medicaid.ohio.gov and copy UHCAN Ohio at info@UHCANOhio.org.

Here is a sample comment:

Dear Medicaid Director,
I oppose the Medicaid waiver. There are many circumstances that could cause a person to lose work or the opportunity to work. This could happen for a short or long period of time over the course of a year. If work requirements are put in place, people could be on a Medicaid enrollment roller coaster with “off and on” health care coverage. Also, people will lose coverage while they spend time submitting and resubmitting paperwork or calling and recalling case workers to overcome the various administrative hurdles this waiver will create. If work is required to get health care, many people won’t be able to obtain or maintain good health.

Or UHCAN Ohio will submit your thoughts along with our comments. Provide your comments here:

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