

News, Tuesday September 19th, 2023

I think we've talked about this before. Many of the program extensions created during the Covid emergency period are ending. Others enacted during the emergency are being reviewed. One of these is MassHealth coverage. Due to the federal government ending the continuous coverage requirements on April 1, 2023, MassHealth has returned to their regular renewal processes. MassHealth now needs to renew all members' health coverage to ensure they still qualify for their current benefit. These renewals will take place over 12 months, from April 2023 to April 2024. This means that members could get their renewal forms (many in a blue envelope) in the mail at any time during this one-year period.

For more information visit mass.gov/masshealthrenew

There is an informational session on this topic tomorrow afternoon at Pittsfield COA, at the Froio Center and here is the information to register if you're interested in going. Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 1:00PM-3:30PM' Pittsfield Council on Aging at 330 North St. Pittsfield

To sign up call: 413-499-9346

Our Tech Tutors have returned and we're ready to host new people who would like some assistance figuring out how to use their cell phones, Chromebooks, I-pads, Kindle devices, whatever! Tech sessions will resume on Friday afternoons beginning September 22. Session time remains 4:00-5:00 and yes, reservations are required as limited space is available. You can make a reservation by calling us at the Council on Aging, 413-458-8250

Let's reiterate the information for the vaccine clinic scheduled for next Thursday, September 28th during our Wellness Fair here at the Harper Center being held from 10:00 to 1:00 on that date. We will have the latest flu vaccine as well as the "senior shot". Registration for the event is REQUIRED, walk ins will not be served. We aren't sure yet whether the latest version of the COVID-19 vaccine will be available here on that date. If not, there will be another clinic sometime in October. Here's the link to register;

<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/berkshire?site=092823-harpers-center-williamstown-coa1>

For those of you who find registering on line to be difficult, we will have a walk in to register event here at Harper on Friday September 22 from 11:00-12:00.

Additionally, the word is out that our local Walgreen's has the updated vaccine and scheduled times are available: www.walgreens.com is the link to make an appointment.

Brian

Oh. Happy Fall!