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Transitioning to Insurance is a Must for New Mexicans Coming Off Medicaid

BeWellnm offers affordable plans with subsidy options

Albuquerque, N.M. (March 30, 2023) – Tens of thousands of New Mexicans who were automatically renewed for Medicaid during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will need to transition their healthcare coverage, some starting as soon as April. For those New Mexicans who no longer qualify for Medicaid or have access to other health insurance, beWellnm can provide low-cost or no-cost health coverage options. While many may have access to employee sponsored health insurance, it's critical for those who are coming off Medicaid to explore beWellnm.com to shop and compare health plans. They could receive low monthly payments, reduced co-pays, and lower deductibles on beWellnm.com. BeWellnm will also be covering the first month's premium for most transitioning to private insurance.

BeWellnm is New Mexico's official health insurance exchange and its services are completely free. Customers can schedule an online or in-person visit through the website bewellnm.com.

"We encourage all New Mexicans who will be losing their Medicaid insurance to contact us to see if they qualify for low-cost or no-cost health insurance because being insured can save them thousands of dollars in the event of an emergency or serious diagnosis," said Bruce Gilbert, CEO for beWellnm. "In fact, beWellnm is so committed to improving the health of New Mexicans, those being released from Medicaid may qualify to have their first month's premium paid by us. That means they would owe nothing for the first month! Residents should act quickly though to ensure there is not a gap in their coverage."

BeWellnm.com offers dozens of plan options across multiple participating providers, including dental insurance. All plans cover the 10 essential benefits such as doctor visits, hospital stays, maternity care, emergency room care, prescriptions, and more. Federal law and regulations provide protections against preexisting condition exclusions in health insurance coverage.

Customers can reach the beWellnm online by visiting beWellnm.com or by making an appointment with a certified assister to discuss healthcare options and plan benefits. They can also check for subsidy qualifications and help consumers find coverage that fits their needs and budget. They can also call our dedicate call center at (833) 862-3935.

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About beWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange

BeWellnm was created to help individuals and small businesses get access to affordable health insurance plans. BeWellnm helps consumers compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. BeWellnm also helps individuals determine whether they are eligible for premium assistance and if so, at what level. Through beWellnm for Small Business, small businesses are able to purchase competitively priced health insurance plans and offer their employees the ability to choose from an array of plans. Enrollment Counselors and insurance agents are available throughout the state to help with signing up for health insurance.

To find more information on beWellnm, New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange, visit www.beWellnm.com or call us at 1-833-ToBeWell (1-833-862-3935).