

Medicaid/MA Town Hall Forums



Learn Your Rights, Preserve Your Independence

July and August 2006

All meetings held from
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Meeting schedule and registration contact information located on opposite side of page. Please contact the host organization directly to register for the meeting you will attend. We ask that you register at least two weeks in advance. However, walk-ins are welcome.

On February 8th, 2006, President Bush signed the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (or DRA) into law. Developed in the U.S. Congress as a means to balance the federal budget, DRA mandates cuts in funding to Medicaid (known as "Medical Assistance" or "MA" in Minnesota) and increases cost-shifting to state governments.

As a result, DRA could negatively affect the provision of services to persons with disabilities and their families who depend on MA/Medicaid for their health care needs. Come learn what you can do to ensure Minnesota elected officials know about the importance of the Medicaid program for persons with disabilities.

The MA/Medicaid Town Hall Meetings will provide training on the basics of the Medicaid program, include testimony from consumers currently on Medical Assistance, and offer you tools to advocate for policies that ensure MA/Medicaid continues to enable people with disabilities to lead independent and productive lives.

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<p>Tuesday, July 25th Crookston Public Library 112 No. Ash, Crookston Hosted by the Options Center for Independent Living Contact John Johnson E-mail: john@myoptions.info Tel: 1-800-726-3692</p>	<p>Thursday, July 27th Duluth City Council Chambers 411 West 1st Street, Duluth Hosted by the Minnesota HomeCare Association Contact Jeff Bangsberg E-mail: jbangsberg@mnhomecare.org Tel: (763)438-5805</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 2nd Bloomington City Hall 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Hosted by Arc Greater Twin Cities Contact Gene Martinez E-mail: register@arcgreatertwincities.org Tel: (952)920-0855</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 8th Dakota County North Service Center 1 Mendota Road W, West St. Paul Hosted by the Brain Injury Association of MN Contact Jeff Nachbar E-mail: jeffn@braininjurymn.org Tel: (612)378-2742</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 9th Courage St. Croix 1460 Curve Crest Blvd, Stillwater Hosted by the Courage Center Contact Kristin Hansen E-mail: kristin.hansen@courage.org Tel: (763)520-0439</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 15th State Office Building 100 Martin Luther King Blvd, St. Paul Hosted by Advocating Change Together (ACT) Contact Rick Cardenas or Kathy Sanders E-mail: act@selfadvocacy.org Tel: (651)641-0297</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 15th Marshall Adult Community Center 107 S. 4th Street, Marshall Hosted by The Arc of Minnesota Contact Pat Mellenthin E-mail: mellenjp@mvtvwireless.com Tel: (507)532-2220</p>	<p>Thursday, August 17th Brookdale Library 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Park Hosted by the Metropolitan Center for Independent Living (MCIL) Contact Mike Chevrette E-mail: mikec@mcil-mn.org Tel: (651)603-2005; TTY (651)603-2001</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 23rd Bethel Lutheran Church 810 3rd Avenue SE, Rochester Hosted by the Region 10 Stakeholder Group Contact Cindy Ostrowski E-mail: costrowski@hiawathahomes.com Tel: (507)289-7222, ext. 12</p>

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 broad-based coalition of 40 disability organizations.