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Healthy Michigan Plan Still Available

(Coldwater, MI). Looking for health care coverage that works for your health and your budget? There's an option to help working people like you get healthy — at a cost that works in your budget. It's the Healthy Michigan Plan. According to Rebecca Burns, Health Officer for the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency, "With all of the political changes regarding health care coverage, we are still helping families apply for the Healthy Michigan Plan, which has expanded Medicaid to adults who have incomes up to 133% of poverty. For single individuals, this means an annual income up to about \$16,000. For a family of four it means an annual income up to approximately \$33,000. People shouldn't have to choose between taking care of their health and taking care of their bills." The Healthy Michigan Plan covers everything from doctor visits to hospitalizations to prescriptions at a low cost. To apply, there are four options for tri-county residents of Branch, Hillsdale and St. Joseph Counties:

- Apply online at www.HealthyMichiganPlan.org
- Apply by phone at (855) 789-5610.
- Visit your local Department of Human Services office.
- Make an appointment with trained staff at your local county health department office.

With a new and improved application process, the Healthy Michigan Plan includes most benefits associated with traditional health insurance plans at a more affordable cost, based on household income. Those who make between 100 and 133 percent of the federal poverty level will contribute up to 2 percent of their income to a health savings account, which can be used to pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses. The plan offers incentives for healthy behaviors, such as losing weight, quitting smoking, and preventive measures, such as getting a flu shot.

How Do I Qualify?

You may be eligible for the Healthy Michigan Plan if you are:

- Between the ages of 19-64 years;
- Have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level* (\$16,040 for a single person or \$32,718 for a family of four);
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare or other Medicaid programs;
- Are not pregnant at the time of application;
- Are residents of the State of Michigan.

*Eligibility for the Healthy Michigan Plan is determined through the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology

If an individual doesn't qualify for Healthy Michigan Plan, it doesn't mean that they or their family member doesn't qualify for Medicaid. If you have questions concerning your eligibility, please schedule an appointment with our staff so we can assist you in finding the health care coverage that best meets your family's needs. For more information, please visit www.bhsj.org, or visit us at one of our three locations:

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