NH DHHS Announces Updated Schedule of Public Forums to Introduce Granite Advantage Health Care Program

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has announced both new and updated dates and locations for public forums to introduce the Granite Advantage Health Care Program, the new health insurance program for people enrolled in expanded Medicaid.

In 2019, Granite Advantage will replace the New Hampshire Health Protection Program’s (NHHPP) Premium Assistance Program (PAP). During the public meetings, DHHS will provide an overview on Granite Advantage open enrollment, the transition to Medicaid Care Management, and a new community engagement and work requirement for members ages 19-64.

The presentations will also cover Granite Workforce, a pilot work program for Granite Advantage members offered by NH Employment Security and DHHS, which will provide job training, case management services, and employment supports to assist them in meeting the work and community engagement requirement.

Newly scheduled public forums will be held in Conway, Colebrook, Claremont, Portsmouth and Keene. In addition, the schedule for forums in Concord, Laconia and Littleton has been updated. The dates, times and locations for the new and rescheduled public forums are:

**Conway**
*Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 6-7:30 pm*
Conway Public Library, Ham Community Room
15 Greenwood Ave.
Conway, NH

**Concord**
*Monday, January 7, 2019, 6-7:30 pm*
DHHS Brown Building Auditorium
129 Pleasant St.
Concord, NH

**Colebrook**
*Thursday, January 10, 2019, 2-3:30 pm*
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Pearson Board Room
Laconia
Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 6-7:30 pm
City Hall, Council Chambers
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH

Littleton
Thursday, January 17, 2019, 4-5:30 pm
Littleton Regional Hospital, Caswell Conference Center
600 St. Johnsbury Rd.
Littleton, NH

Claremont
Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 2-3:30 pm
River Valley Community College, Room 170
1 College Dr.
Claremont, NH

Portsmouth
Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 3-4:30 pm
Portsmouth Public Library
175 Parrot Ave.
Portsmouth, NH

Keene
Thursday, January 31, 2019, 2:30-4 pm
Keene Parks and Recreation, Room 14
312 Washington St.
Keene, NH

If accommodations are needed for communication access such as interpreters, CART (captioning), assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services, please contact Leslie Melby at Leslie.Melby@dhhs.nh.gov or 603-271-9074 no later than five business days prior to the scheduled Public Forum date. At least 5 business days advance notice is requested in order to assure availability; requests made fewer than 5 days prior to the event will attempt to be accommodated but cannot be guaranteed.

For more information about the Granite Advantage Health Care Program, please visit www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/medicaid/granite.htm. To select a new Medicaid Care Management plan, please visit https://nheasy.nh.gov/.

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