



News from Community Health Programs *Fall 2017*

“Take care of the patient and everything else will follow.” ~ Thomas Frist, M.D.



Greetings,

As you know, for many months [health insurance coverage for many Americans has been at risk](#). At Community Health Programs, we have a commitment to providing health care to all, and for now, we are able to keep this commitment. For our patients and for our community, we are grateful, and we are grateful that Massachusetts has led the nation in providing health insurance to all residents.

However, health care for all is not automatic. On Nov. 1, the “Open Enrollment” season begins around the country. This is when state-based enrollment opens for people seeking health coverage. In Massachusetts, residents have from November 1, 2017—January 23, 2018 to apply for 2018 health insurance coverage.

If you do not have insurance, or if you know someone who needs it, please spread the word. At CHP, we will be promoting Open Enrollment in our health centers, on social media, and on our website, chpberkshires.org.

Some people can opt to apply for health insurance online, at mahealthconnector.gov,

But if you wish to have help in this process you can meet with a CHP insurance specialist who can quickly navigate the online system on your behalf. To make an appointment, please email enrollmentGB@chpberkshires.org to find a counselor near you.

A CHP specialist can tell you what information is needed to apply and can help cut through the “red tape” that can slow down or frustrate some applicants.

For those unable to obtain health coverage, we will be here. CHP welcomes all patients regardless of insurance status or income, and provides a sliding fee scale for those who qualify. Our free or reduced-fee care is made possible by our generous donors, so if you wish to help an uninsured person with a medical appointment, visit our website’s “Support” section to learn more.

Lia Spiliotes, Chief Executive Officer



It's that time ...
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<https://www.mahealthconnector.org/>



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WELCOME BERKSHIRE PEDIATRICS

According to BPA's senior physician, Dr. Gary Shalan, "The practice of pediatrics and medicine in general is not as simple as it once was. The health challenges our patients face, along with prevention and treatment, and the finances behind this work have become increasingly complex. We are excited to be joining a large, established organization with greater resources and a broader professional networking platform. As part of an FQHC, we can sustain and even improve our efforts to provide the highest quality of care to patients and their families – without regard to insurance coverage or ability to pay."

CHP is thrilled to expand our pediatric care into Central and Northern Berkshire County.



PARENT-CHILD HOME PROGRAM

The Parent-Child Home Program is a FREE nationwide research based program that began in 1965, now being offered to families in Southern Berkshire County. The program has been operating in Central and Northern Berkshires for the past 20 years and it was our pleasure in 2015 to bring it to our South County families. The program operates from CHP Family Services funded by grants from Berkshire United Way and Berkshire Taconic Foundation. Through a collaboration with Muddy Brook Elementary School we have been able to serve 53 families. The Parent-Child Home Program works with caregivers and their 18 month to 3½ year-old children in their home to help prepare their child for school success. A trained community-based School Readiness Mentor visits the home twice weekly for 30 minutes, bringing a high quality book or educational toy that the families keep! Using a non-directive approach the mentor models reading and playing for caregivers that will enhance their child's development, and give their child the skills they need to be successful in school.



The three main objectives of the program are to empower caregivers by giving them the knowledge, skills and resources to start early education in their own home; give their child the skills they need to be successful in school; and strengthen caregiver-child attachment in order to foster family resilience. The Program Coordinator is a community based Licensed Clinical Social Worker, which is an added value to program, as she offers the Ages & Stages Developmental screening twice a year to each family and can act as a referral source for support services as needed.



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CHP's mission is to measurably improve the health of patients throughout Berkshire County. As a federally qualified health center, we care for patients and work with families whose needs are not always reimbursed by health insurance – so your support matters. If you would like to honor someone or give a gift in memory of a special person to CHP, please contact our Development Office at 413-528-9311 ext. 1178. Gifts can also be made on-line at www.chpberkshires.org/donate-now

CHP is pleased to have received recent gifts:



Thank you for the financial support to outfit two patient rooms at CHP North Adams Family Medicine. Your gift will enhance the patient-doctor experience and allow CHP to care for more patients.



Thank you for the Fall 2017 Children's Attic Sponsorship. Since 2003, CHP has hosted this event that is such a vital resource for young families in our community.



Thank you Team Berkshire School!!

Mrs. Dory Driscoll, Third Form Dean and Track & Field and Strength & Conditioning Coach, from Berkshire School along with 16 energetic students came prepared to help CHP Fall Children Attic Sale in September. This impressive group of students' checked-in merchandise, organized sale racks, carried merchandise and provided a much need boost to the volunteer team working on Friday afternoon. Thank you for volunteering!!

LOCATIONS

Adams Internists

19 Depot Street, Suite 1
Adams, MA
413-743-1080

Lee Family Practice

11 Quarry Hill Road
Lee, MA
413-243-0536

Barrington OB/GYN

780 South Main Street
Gt Barrington, MA
413-528-1470

Berkshire Pediatrics

777 North Street, Suite 305
Pittsfield, MA
(413) 499-8531

Neighborhood Health Center

510 North Street
Pittsfield, MA
413-447-2351

Neighborhood Dental Center

510 North Street
Pittsfield, MA
413-447-2781

Gt Barrington Health Center

444 Stockbridge Road
Gt Barrington, MA
413-528-8580

North Adams Family Medicine

71 Hospital Ave, 3rd Floor North
North Adams, MA
413-664-4088

Family Dental Center

343 Main Street (Rear)
Gt Barrington, MA
413-528-5565

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Cultural Council dollars provide our families with unique experiences.



CHP Family Services truly appreciates the opportunity these funds provide for fun and exploration of our natural world!



Thank You, Mt. Washington Cultural Council -

Hancock Shaker Village Baby Animal Field Trip

Thank You, Lenox Cultural Council -

Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary Fieldtrip

Thank You, Stockbridge Cultural Council -

Summer Fun at Berkshire Botanical Garden

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