

Informative Workshop Invite

Healthcare as we know it...is changing by the day. However, Access to Care still has an important role in the primary healthcare of our community.

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy is hosting an informational workshop at the Biela Center on Wednesday, August 27th, at 1p.m. Located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, in Crestwood, IL 60445. Come listen and learn with Katie Barnickel of Access to Care, on what benefits are available to the populations you serve.

Access to Care is a 26 year old charitable program that provides a delivery system for primary health care services to uninsured and *underinsured* individuals and families of suburban Cook County. The program is designed to meet the needs of individuals by partnering with local doctors to provide affordable primary care services to patients in their local neighborhoods. Many people that were formerly uninsured may have purchased insurance on the Illinois Marketplace. Access to Care can be used as a supplement to high deductible insurance plans.

The program covers individuals and families with incomes under 300% of the federal poverty guidelines that are not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid or CountyCare. This includes individuals who do not meet the immigration status requirement of being a legal immigrant for five (5) years or more.

We are trying to remove the barrier to primary health care services, which is the first line of defense against major illness. With Access to Care, an individual can see a local primary care physician for \$5.

Please send a representative from your community or organization to learn more about Access to Care. Please register if you are planning to attend, call 708.389.2125 or email patrice.capuzzi@cookcountyil.gov. Refreshments will be served.



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