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Thousands of DeKalb Residents Could Lose Medicaid

DeKalb to host second Medicaid re-enrollment event

DECATUR, Ga.— DeKalb County is hosting its second Medicaid reenrollment event to help residents retain essential health insurance.

"Thousands of DeKalb residents are facing the loss of essential Medicaid coverage," said DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond.

Approximately nine percent of DeKalb's 780,000 residents are covered by Medicaid.

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Hundreds of residents were served during DeKalb's Medicaid re-enrollment event in November 2023.

partnering with the DeKalb County office of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services and other state and local agencies to help residents access critical healthcare coverage

The free event will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 2994 Turner Hill Rd., Stonecrest (former Sam's Club).

"To date, approximately 500,000 Georgia residents have lost Medicaid coverage, and the majority of enrollees are children," said S. Elizabeth Ford, MD, healthcare advisor to CEO Thurmond. "Our first re-enrollment event in November served hundreds of residents, and we will continue our partnership to ensure that Georgia's adults and children receive their critical healthcare."

Residents who wish to re-enroll are encouraged to bring the following documents listed to help with the process:

- Paystubs or copies of paychecks showing gross income
- Social Security income award letter or unemployment benefits letter
- Applications for other benefits, such as unemployment or disability benefits
- Verification of any new family members being added to coverage (citizenship, residency, income, etc.)

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Anyone wishing to re-enroll during the event is asked to preregister at <u>www.dekalbcountyga.gov/medicaid</u>.

DeKalb County is partnering with Georgia Division of Family and Children Services, Emory Healthcare, PeachState, PeachCare for Kids, Caresource and Amerigroup for the event.

All residents who receive Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids services are urged to log into their account at <u>www.gateway.ga.gov</u> to confirm their contact information and check their redetermination date.

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