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TARBORO TO HOST MEDICAID-ENROLLMENT EVENT WEDNESDAY FOR PEOPLE NEWLY QUALIFIED SINCE N.C. MEDICAID EXPANSION

Tarboro – Access East's HealthAssist Uninsured Network will host a free Medicaid Expansion enrollment event from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at Edgecombe Memorial Library, 909 N. Main St.

The event offers people newly eligible for NC Medicaid health coverage to receive free expert assistance with enrolling in the program. Appointments are available to guarantee being seen, though walk-ins are welcome. Call **(252)** 847-3027 to schedule an appointment.

Medicaid is a health-insurance program administered by the state for qualifying low-income individuals and families who cannot afford health-care costs.

Medicaid Expansion, which passed in North Carolina on Dec. 1, 2023, raised the original income limit to qualify for the program, allowing many more people the potential to enroll. As of early May, nearly 450,000 additional North Carolinians had already been able to sign up, with an estimated 1,000 people then joining daily.

Access East has already scheduled another regional Medicaid-enrollment event for July 24 in Williamston, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Martin Memorial Library, 200 N. Smithwick St.