

Attention Medical Assistance and CHIP Enrollees

By State Rep Joe Emrick

BETHLEHEM - Effective April 1, the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) will return to normal renewal processing procedures for Pennsylvanians enrolled in Medical Assistance and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

That means all Medical Assistance and CHIP recipients will need to complete an annual renewal to see if they are still eligible for coverage. Renewals will be completed over 12 months. Renewals due in March 2023 will be the first affected by this change.

To ensure you receive timely information about your coverage, it is important to ensure DHS has accurate information on hand. Updates about your contact information and the number of people living in your household can be made via dhs.pa.gov/compass.



Keystone State ChalleNGe Academy Now Accepting Applications for Summer 2023 Class

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BETHLEHEM - The Keystone State ChalleNGe Academy (KSCA) is accepting applications for its third class of cadets, which begins in July 2023. The KSCA is designed to give academically challenged teens a second chance at obtaining their basic education and learning leadership, self-discipline and responsibility to build a better life.

The KSCA is a joint effort between the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the National Guard Bureau in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The program is open to 16- to 18-year-old male and female Pennsylvania residents who are failing to progress in high school or may not be on a clear path to graduating. Applicants must be willing to be drug free, free of felony convictions and voluntarily commit to the program. The program lasts for 17 months, with the first five months consisting of residential training at Fort Indiantown Gap followed by one year of mentorship back in the community.

For detailed eligibility requirements and to begin the application process, click [here](#). You may also request a mailed application or ask questions by contacting the academy via email at RA-MVPACHALLENGE@pa.gov or by calling 717-861-7767 or 717-861-8831.



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