COVID-19 Resource Guide for Hetrick-Martin Members & HMHS Students

Immigrants and public charge

On March 13, 2020, USCIS posted an alert clarifying that seeking or using medical treatment or preventive healthcare services related to COVID-19 will NOT be considered under the public charge rule, even if the services are Medicaid-funded.

Anyone who needs help during the COVID-19 crisis should seek care without fear, regardless of immigration status or ability to pay for health services. If you are experiencing MILD symptoms STAY HOME FOR THREE TO FOUR DAYS. IF SYMPTOMS PERSIST OR INTENSIFY AND YOU NEED HELP GETTING MEDICAL CARE, call 311 and get connected to a doctor today.

Medical Services for Youth Options for Healthcare:

- HMI members who are already enrolled patients at HOTT/Callen-Lorde Community Health Center or HEAT Clinic (Dr. Birnbaum) should continue to access care at those clinics, and should call ahead for information from those providers.
  - Not currently accepting new clients.

- HMI members and HMHS students can also access medical care (free, regardless of age) with our partner, the UNITAS – St. Mark’s Place Institute, a clinic with medical and mental health services. If you require medication refill or have a medical issue that requires immediate attention other than emergency concerns, please contact:
  - Johanna Bos, LCSW at 917-822-1468
  - She will obtain the information and documentation needed to facilitate services at Unitas Clinic and is available to personally escort anyone who would like that support.
Insurance Services Options for Healthcare:

- To enroll in Medicaid, please contact Spencer Olson (solson@hmi.org). All applications and renewals are being processed remotely. Spencer will schedule a phone call with you to walk through the referral form so that the navigation team at The Center can process requests.

- NYS is waiving the 7-day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance benefits for people who are out of work due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) closures and quarantines.
  - Visit: https://labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm