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HEALTH CARE RESOURCES FOR WORKING FAMILIES

It can be difficult to navigate the complexities of receiving health care, especially for those suffering from an illness. The Whitmer Administration has worked to expand access to quality care and help lower costs for Michiganders. Below are some resources that may help you and your family access care.

Healthy Michigan Plan

Michigan's expanded Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act, Healthy Michigan Plan, is available to Michiganders ages 19 – 64 who have an income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level—or \$18,754 annually for a single person and \$36,908 for a family of four—and meet other eligibility requirements.

1-855-789-5610

michigan.gov/healthymiplan

MiRx Prescription Card Program

The MiRx Card is a prescription drug discount program for Michigan residents who don't have prescription drug coverage. The program is available at no cost for applicants who have an income level at or below the state's median income level.

1-866-755-6479

mihealth.org/mirx



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HELPING MICHIGANDERS GET QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

Two competing visions for the future of health care in Michigan are on the ballot this November in the race for governor. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has stated that health care is a “fundamental human right.” She has used her power as governor to expand access to life-saving health care by passing bipartisan legislation providing coverage for more Michiganders and lowering the cost of prescription drugs.



Tudor Dixon has used her platform to oppose measures to control prescription drug costs and lower health care costs for seniors and working families.

Detroit Free Press

“Whitmer signs bills into Michigan law to cut prescription costs, increase accountability”



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Election season is just around the corner.

See inside to learn more about how your gubernatorial candidates propose to help Michigan's working families access affordable health care.

Candidates for Governor on Health Care

Too many hardworking Michigan families are feeling left behind, unable to make ends meet. Health care costs are on the rise, including the price of prescription drugs.

At *In Union*, we believe that all work has dignity, but countless working families are forced to choose between buying food and going to the doctor. Or putting gas in the car and paying the mortgage or rent.

These are serious issues that require serious responses from our elected leaders. In this edition, we focus on the two candidates for governor of Michigan to help you make an informed choice as we enter election season.



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs

Gov. Whitmer signed three bills into law to help lower the cost of prescription medication. This bipartisan legislation stops pharmacists from hiding cheaper medications from consumers, increases regulation and clarifies rules regarding pharmacists and drug makers, and increases transparency throughout the industry.¹

Expanding Health Care Coverage for All

As of May, more than 1 million Michiganders are covered under the Healthy Michigan Plan, bipartisan legislation Gov. Whitmer helped pass. She also lifted the work requirements on Medicaid and released a plan to increase access to mental health care.²

Holding Big Pharma Responsible for the Opioid Epidemic

Gov. Whitmer, along with Attorney General Dana Nessel, announced \$800 million worth of investments to offer support and resources to those suffering from the opioid epidemic. This comes after Big Pharma was sued and forced to pay a \$26 billion settlement to multiple states for their role in perpetuating the opioid crisis.³



TUDOR DIXON
CONSERVATIVE COMMENTATOR

Opposed Measures to Lower Prescription Drug Prices

Tudor Dixon came out strongly against the Inflation Reduction Act, a law that will dramatically lower the price of prescription drugs by letting Medicare negotiate costs and cap the total yearly cost of prescription drugs at \$2,000 for older Americans.⁴

Opposed Extending Health Care Subsidies to Working Families

Under the Inflation Reduction Act opposed by Tudor Dixon, subsidies provided under the Affordable Care Act were extended to 13 million Americans—over 300,000 Michiganders—saving the average enrollee \$800 per year.⁵

Opposed Efforts to Cap the Cost of Insulin at \$35 for Seniors

One of the most important aspects of the Inflation Reduction Act is the rule it establishes that no senior on Medicare will pay more than \$35 a month for insulin. Tudor Dixon opposed this bill and encouraged Michigan's senators to vote against it.⁶

Health Care and the Michigan Gubernatorial Election in the News

Most Americans are fed up with politicians saying one thing during a campaign and doing another thing once they are elected, so it's easy to tune out the news during an election year. But with health care costs spiraling out of control, it's important to know where the candidates stand on issues that affect working families, including access to affordable health care and prescription drugs.

Michigan Advance →

“Physicians around the state said they’re concerned about what a Tudor Dixon administration could mean for pregnant people.”



“Whitmer signs directive to help lower costs for Michiganders”



“1M Michiganders receiving health care under state’s Healthy Michigan Plan”

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