FEMININE ACCENT

Medicaid expands assistance for pregnant women, children

Low income pregnant women and children under age one year may now be eligible for expanded Medicaid services called "BabyCare," according to the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Under this Medicaid expansion, the "medically indigent" group of women and children will be entitled to Medicaid services if the family's income does not exceed 100 percent of the federal poverty level. For a two person household, monthly income cannot exceed $644.16 a month; $970.83 a month for a four person household. The unborn child is counted as a household member. Individuals or families with a larger income may be eligible for Medicaid if there are day-care or other work related expenses.

"BabyCare" services include: payment for health care, transportation for health care, counseling on understanding the changing body and its feelings, nutritional counseling, parent education, and referral to other services.

"The expansion of Medicaid eligibility and services is an important step in reducing infant mortality in Virginia," Social Services Commissioner Larry D. Jackson says.

"Studies have demonstrated a relationship between early prenatal care, higher birthweight, and increased chances for survival of the child."

Links give $1 million to NAACP

MIAMI, FL. — A $1 million grant for improvement of minority educational opportunities was awarded to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) by The Links, Inc., one of the nation's leading black women's organizations.

The grant is to be paid over a ten-year period.

Dr. Gladys Gary Vaughn, Chairman, Proposals, Foundation and Grants Committee, presented the first check of $100,000 to Julius L. Chambers, Director-Counsel of LDF, at the Links Biennial Convention in Miami on July 1st.

$750,000 of the grant will be used for general support of LDF's education litigation program and to develop new litigation strategies to ensure that black children and young adults are equally educated and are participating fully on all levels of the education system.

The remaining $250,000, to be known as The Links Endowment, will be placed in LDF's permanent endowment and will help in meeting the requirement that LDF raise $2.5 million for release of a $5 million endowment challenge grant from the Ford Foundation.

After accepting the check, Julius Chambers stated, "LDF is delighted to receive this commitment from The Links.

The money will be enable us to intensify our efforts to ensure that all children and, particularly, minorities are afforded equal and quality educational opportunities.

Additionally, we can now call upon members of The Links for expert assistance with our work."

Links National President, Regina Jollivette Frazier, said, "We are pleased to continue our support of the LDF and are looking forward to working with an organization that shares our commitment to enhance the academic skills and career aspirations of minority youth."

Founded in 1946, The Links, Inc. is a chain of friends with common interests, who promote educational, civic and cultural activities to enrich lives of its 6,900 members and national community.

Links sponsor musical recitals, promote Afro-American Art exhibit, and provide grants and scholarships to artists.

In addition, Links support nursing homes, day-care centers, and health projects, and consumer education programs.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1990, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) is the principal legal arm of the nation's civil rights movement.

It is not part of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), although it was founded by it and shares its goal and equal justice.

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IN THE STARS / STRICTLY PERSONAL

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be willing to get to the heart of the matter. Break from the way you usually do things. Someone else has your best interests at heart. A transaction is completed to your advantage. Your money position is strong. For best results, Sunday and Monday are beneficial days for you.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Decisions are right on! Learn by teaching. Judgement and intuition are on target. You impress some very important people. Timing and ability to sense what will happen are highlighted. Knowing your personality, you're going to like this period because you are "Best Sign of the Week."

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Make the first move to create harmony with others. Don't allow confusion and uncertainty to slow you down. Things will clear up soon; be optimistic. Glory and praise come your way. You're literally second to Leo for having very favorable aspects.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Hard work and discipline are required to fulfill your heart's desire. This may well mean postponing social plans. Plan strategy for the future. Insist on the facts. Like the last two signs before you, you should be in pretty good shape this week.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 22): Romantic possibilities are at hand but you'll have to be ready to make changes in your thinking and plans. Your dreams are closer to becoming reality. Travel and make dreams come true is just a part of the package.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Handle domestic situations with kid gloves; this is no time to be heavy - handed. You sway an undecided one to the winning side. Don't take anything for granted where romance is concerned. This is an excellent week to take advantage of the friendship extended to you, as well as an opportunity for financial gains.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): You are inspired by a fiery, humanitarian type. Some bargains aren't bargains — beware! Teamwork pays off. Good deeds are rewarded. It's best to be careful while out in the public eye during Wednesday and Thursday. Try to keep a flexible agenda as well.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Thanks to good advice, you win. Financial gain depends on the cooperation of others. Opportunities expand as your personal appeal widens. You are ready to make a long-lasting commitment. If there was a week to cause strife or test your mettle, this is certainly the one. The only half way decent day next week is Tuesday.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Share tasks with others; keep your feet on the ground. Expanded horizons have given you a broader view of life which affects your job and relationship with others. Don't accept limiting circumstances. Mild is the only way to describe this particular cosmic period.

ARIES (March 21-April 19-March 20): Share tasks problem can be solved but persistence and rationally are called for. Money and romance are highlighted. Be willing to make a commitment, you will be rewarded. There may be some delayed travel plans if it's part of your agenda for Wednesday. Thursday and Friday are comparably better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A long standing business transaction is going in your favor, giving you more security. Don't be inhibited by one who is envious of you. A likely setback boomerangs and you are the beneficiary. Take note of the following stressful days — Thursday through Saturday. It's likely to concern matters of money and romance. Therefore, care in these areas has to be taken.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your recent brooding mood lifts — celebrate! Greater independence is stressed. You are relieved of unnecessary burdens. Impulse tends to rule; make a concerted effort to use some logic. Although gains may be small, they should be rewarding for the most part. Take special note of Thursday through Saturday, followed by next Tuesday for best results.

Lonesome Hearts

Christian lady from Washington, DC, interested in meeting single male, 38-55, who is sincere, honest, family oriented, employed or retired. Non-drinker. No drug users. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. For more, write to CC 69.

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Single black female, slender and attractive, seeks single, black male, 33-43, 5'9" or taller for meaningful relationship, spending time together enjoying activities together. Absolutely no drug users or inmates. CC 70.

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Sincere, Christian lady would like to meet sincere gentleman, 65-72 who likes church, some sports and short trips, for friendship. No smoking, gambling or drug users. For more, write to CC 71.

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Attractive 50-year-old single, black female, would like to meet single, healthy, energetic male who enjoys outdoor recreation, going to church and Sunday brunch. For more, write to CC 72.

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26-year-old single, understanding, open-minded female, childless, would like to meet single male, 28-35 for mature dating and possible serious relationship. Not afraid of commitment. Make my day and write to CC 64.

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Attractive lady, 62, sincere, would like to correspond and meet gentleman, 50-65 who drives. I'm a homeowner and interested in sharing our lives for more happiness. For more, write to CC 65.

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Black attractive Christian lady, 30, seeks caring, affectionate, honest gentleman, 30-45 of same descent for friendship and possible marriage. Can relocate. If possible, send phone number with first letter. CC 66.

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Overweight,divorced, black male would like to meet full-figured "Amazon" type lady for fun and possible romance. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. For more, write to CC 67.

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Personable, brownskinned, middleaged lady, who lives in Maryland area, with positive attitude, desires to meet honest, sincere, respectable gentleman, 60-76 for compatible relationship. Absolutely no drug users. If possible, send photo and phone number with first letter. Write to CC 68.

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Pen Pals

33-year-old male, incarcerated, seeks friendship through correspondence. Algie Britton, 174-649, Post Office Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

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Lonely confined male would like to meet "someone special" for friendship. Hobbies are reading, writing and sports. Augustus Williams, 187-147, P. O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

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29-year-old male, confined, would like to correspond with interested females. Danny Alexander, Y-7667, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612-0286.

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40-year-old male, incarcerated, would like to correspond with interested females, 30-40. Vaughn Thomas, 178-412, Route 3, Box 4444, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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Incarcerated male, 40, would like to correspond with females, 35-45 for friendship. William T. Wright, 202644, Box 7010, Unit H-2-B, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

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Black male, 30, incarcerated, would like to correspond with females, 25-35 for possible relationship. Billy Underwood, Y-5778, Drawer K, Apt. -A, Dallas, PA 18612-0286.

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Single black male, 42, 6', 160 pounds, seeks correspondence from females of any race to establish relationship. For more, write to: Jay Edwards, 507 Burns Road, Knoxville, TN 37914.

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New Jersey man, 39, civil service employee, looking for a lady, 35-50 from New Jersey area with no underage children for serious companionship. Must not be into running with a crowd and can be happy with one good man, enjoys being loved as well as giving love. No alcoholics or drug users. Serious replies only. Write to: J. McCray, Box 89, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

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Lonely male, 38, incarcerated, would like to correspond with intelligent, understanding females, any age, for friendship. Will exchange photos. Frankie Butler, M-8333, Box 244, Graterford, PA 19426

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Incarcerated male seeks correspondence from interested females. Robert Carpenter. 172-070. RCC-Post Office Box 7010, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

If you have a problem you feel our counselor Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.
Write: Tell it to Jan, AFRQ-AMERICAN,
P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

A couple of weeks ago someone wrote about a friend who was giving all of his money to a 40-year-old woman. The gentleman was in 80's. The friend went on to mention that his senior citizen friend had also lived with a woman prior to his relationship.

I feel if this man wants to enjoy his remaining years by giving his money away to this lady, then who is he hurting? As long as he is using his own money, why shouldn't he have some companionship?

No matter what his age or her age, I wonder would this "concerned friend" be as concerned if the lady happened to be in her 80's?

Personally, I think it is jealousy because he is perhaps stuck with an unsatisfied relationship or no relationship.

He should spend his energy improving his own situation, not that of his friend's. Apparently the "swinging senior" is not worried and doesn't see his relationship with "Miss 40" a problem, because he did not write to Jan.

The concerned friend should mind his own business. I say "Right on" to grandpa!

Sharon S

Dear Sharon:

I say "Right On" to you for sharing your comments. We appreciate your interest and are delighted to share this letter with our readers.

Dear Jan:

My boyfriend is 37 and I'm only 23. We have been living together for several years and now I want to get married.

He makes excuse after excuse. We argue about it, but he says we just can't afford to get married.

To me, things couldn't be much more expensive than living together. I think he loves me and I also think he is leading me on about marriage which makes me want to split and start a new life.

What do you think?

Susie

Dear Susie:

I'd split and start a new life — and I think you would too, or you wouldn't have written. Your suspicions sound right.

Dear Jan:

I am 27 and I've been going with this 27-year-old guy.

When we first met, everything was fine, even after he had been incarcerated for one year. He still tries to reassure me that he loves me as much as before, but I can tell the difference in his love when I was needed, and his love now.

I am still very much in love with this guy, but I would like a little advice about how to go about getting him to be the way he was when we first met.

Puzzle

Dear Puzzle:

Before you convince yourself that there is a difference in the love of this man, ask yourself if there is a difference in you. Everything changes, hopefully for the better.

As a person grows older and becomes more experienced, his or her outlook, ideas and hopes undergo changes.

Some people are more expressive than others and the needs of a sensitive person who constantly needs reassurance, oftentimes does not get the fulfillment wanted.

Action speaks louder than words, so if the words are not exactly what you are listening for, check his action.

Maybe the love he has for you is deeper and more meaningful, but lacking in fire and passion.

Maybe he hasn't changed at all — and you have.

Dear Jan:

Our best friends have an eight-year-old boy. We used to visit them often, but the boy teases and picks on our three-year-old son, so our visits became impossible. They never discipline their child.

Now they come to our home unannounced. By the time they leave our home, our nerves are wrecked.

Their son's bad habits are beginning to rub off on our son. Even my husband has noticed it.

I'd like to remain friends with this couple, but I'm at my wits' end with their kid. Please advise me before I blow my stack.

R. E.

Dear R. E.:

Who is letting this tribe in the door? Dropping in unannounced is the height of rudeness and you are in no way obliged to welcome them.

Who needs an eight-year-old missle to wreck the place?

Next time, tell them you're sorry, but you're unable to ask them in. And ask that from now on they call before dropping by.

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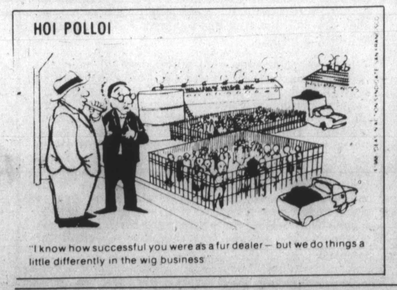
Confidential to Ernest:

Sorry, names and addresses of our writers to this column are not available.



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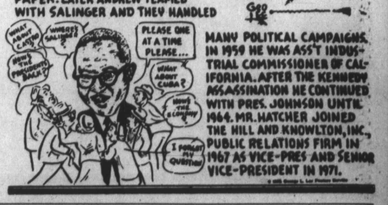

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