



# Northern Health Plan

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## **Northern Health Plan has funds to help people who cannot afford Health Insurance Premiums**

The Northern Health Plan continues to have money to help pay for premiums of people who cannot afford their employer-sponsored coverage.

Bruce Miller, Executive Director of the Northern Health Plan, says the NHP is helping several families who meet the criteria for the program, and that funds are available to help more.

“All too often financial support for employer-sponsored coverage is limited only to the employee,” Miller said.

“When the employee goes to add dependents the cost becomes unaffordable.”

Miller said this is why the Northern Health Plan started what he calls the “Family Glitch” program. He is urging residents of Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Montmorency and Alpena Counties to contact Enroll Northern Michigan if they have unaffordable employer premiums to see if they qualify for help.

“The contact person for this program is Nichole Cyr at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. She can be reached at (800) 432-4121.”

The NHP is a non-profit corporation funded by area hospitals and county government. It is dedicated to helping uninsured people get coverage. It ended its old programs of assistance when the Affordable Care Act and the Healthy Michigan Program went into effect, but it still has funds to use to fill gaps in coverage.

“If you qualify,” Miller said, “you might be able to get your employer-sponsored insurance for family for about the same amount you would pay for insurance through the Healthcare Marketplace.”