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MVES to host MassHealth Renewal Day at Malden COA

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) and the Malden Council on Aging (COA) are hosting a MassHealth Renewal Day at the Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington St.

The event will be held Thursday, Sept. 21, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. MassHealth members aged 65 years and up are invited to register for a one-on-one renewal session with a trained expert.

All MassHealth members need to renew their coverage during the next year, following the end of the federal public health emergency. During the peak of the COVID pandemic, MassHealth members were able to keep their benefits, but renewal is now required again. Residents will receive a blue envelope from MassHealth notifying them when their renewal is due.

“MVES and the Malden COA want to ensure that every older adult in our community retains their insurance benefits,” explains Lisa Gurgone, CEO of MVES. “Our certified counselors will be on hand to help members complete their renewal.”

For members who are not yet due for renewal, the counselors can provide guidance on their future renewal date, whether they need to update the information they’ve provided to MassHealth, eligibility and more.

“We want to make the renewal process as clear and seamless as possible for our residents,” notes Mikeneil Paul, Program Director at the Malden Senior Center.

Please try to bring to your session: Your blue envelope from MassHealth and its contents; form of identification; social security number; and proof of income, assets and insurance.

Reservations are required. To sign up, please call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, ext. 100.

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About Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES): Since 1975, MVES has worked to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities have the support they need to live independently and with dignity. Located in Malden, Mass., the non-profit agency provides information, care and resources to residents of Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Services include information and referral, management, home care, elder protective services, health insurance counseling, caregiver supports, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and more. For more information, call 781-324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

About the Malden Council on Aging (COA): The COA serves in an advisory capacity to the Senior Center staff to address issues confronting the city’s senior citizens. The Council also assists to develop and implement programs that provide social and support services, information and referral systems for our seniors. The seven-member COA Board includes the Director of the Malden Housing Authority, the Director of Public Health, the Police Chief, or their designees, a representative of a local elder services provider and three senior residents. The Senior Center can be reached at 781-397-7144 and a calendar of events can be viewed at www.cityofmalden.org/250/Senior-Center.