# Maryland State Health Improvement Process (SHIP)
# Health Action Newsletter
### Friday, September 24, 2021

*Please note the SHIP Newsletter is distributed on a bi-weekly basis.*

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**Resource:** *The Maryland Department of Health (MDH): Latest Updates on the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Visit several MDH websites for the most current information about COVID-19 and Maryland's ongoing response to the pandemic.

The MDH coronavirus.maryland.gov site provides daily updates on the rates of infection and hospitalizations by county, testing, vaccine information, nursing home data and schools data, in addition to contact tracing.

MDH CovidLINK is Maryland's public hub for information about COVID-19. It is another resource which allows us to better understand disease transmission, prevent new infection, and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by working together.

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**Events:** *Latino Health Summit, Building Towards Latino Health Equity*



**Wednesday, September 29 — Friday, October 1**

This virtual conference is hosted by the Hispanic Health Coalition, and will bring together health experts to discuss the impact of social determinants of health on Latinos and other vulnerable groups.

For more information, visit: https://hispanic-health.org/?utm_campaign=fyi_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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**Opportunity:** *2021-2022 Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) Application*

**Friday, October 1**

The Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP) is now open to Maryland residents providing public services in Maryland State or local governments as well as nonprofit organizations serving low-income populations or underserved communities.

Applicants must create an account with the Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) or log into their existing MDCAPS accounts to complete and submit their applications. The instructions on how to upload electronic documents to the MDCAPS online portal can be found here.

To create an account or log into an existing MDCAPS account, please visit: https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us/MDCAPS/login.aspx

For more information on requirements or other state scholarship programs, visit: http://www.mhec.maryland.gov/

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### Events: *The Health Literacy in Action Conference*

**Friday, October 1**

Registration is now open for the Health Literacy in Action Conference taking place on October 14th and 15the. This virtual conference will showcase practice and policy ideas that advance health literacy and health equity, and features exciting sessions on topics like misinformation, diabetes, accessibility, and the federal Office of Minority Health's Advancing Health Literacy grants.

Early Bird and student rates are available!

To register for the event, visit: https://www.eventleaf.com/e/HLiAConf

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### Webinar: *Housing Instability of Older Adult Renters and Homeowners*

**Friday, October 8**

The MPN's Baltimore Seniors and Housing Collaborative in partnership with the Community Development Network of Maryland and the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition are holding a webinar on housing security for seniors.

The webinar will provide information on how to collaborate and support a coordinated, equity-focused response to housing insecurity for seniors. There would be a panel of experts who will present research on reverse mortgage patterns among senior homeowners in Baltimore City, research on the lack of sufficient affordable housing available to a growing share of senior renters, and plans for the launch of a federal stimulus aid to prevent mortgage foreclosure in Baltimore City and the state of Maryland.

The expert panel to lead these discussions include:

Ira Goldstein, PhD, President of Policy Solutions at Reinvestment Fund will present on reverse mortgage activity in Baltimore City for the past decade.

Jun Zhu, PhD, Associate Professor of Indiana University-Bloomington-Kelley School of Business and Non-Resident Fellow at Urban Institute will discuss findings on demographic shifts challenging communities to plan for a growing number of low-income senior households seeking rental housing.

Claudia Randall Wilson, Executive Director of Community Development Network MD will provide an overview of Maryland's mortgage foreclosure prevention stimulus funding allocations.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Briscoe at ebriscoe@marylandphilanthropy.org

To register for the webinar, visit:
https://www.marylandphilanthropy.org/events/housing-instability-older-adult-renters-and-homeowners

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**Announcement: *Tuition Reduction For Non-Resident Nursing Students***

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has opened the 2021-2022 Tuition Reduction for Non-Resident Nursing Students application to non-Maryland residents. All applications and required documents can be submitted to the Office of Student Financial Assistance on a rolling basis.

To apply, applicants will need to create or log into their existing Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) using the link here. Once logged into the MDCAPS account, applicants can submit their applications and view any additional required documents using the "Apply" link.

For directions on how to upload additional required documents via the MHEC SECURE UPLOAD, visit: https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/2-4-2021.aspx

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**Resources: *3RNET Healthcare Employment Opportunities for Employees and Employers***
3RNet is a unique, national non-profit network focusing on healthcare jobs in rural and underserved communities. The mission of the network is to increase access to quality of healthcare through recruitment and retention of health care professionals and community-based training. Health care professionals can use 3RNet to search for healthcare jobs across the nation.

Register Today and Get a $5 Gift Card! To register as a job seeker, click here.

Registration is free for employers in Maryland and for interested health professionals

looking to work in Maryland. Safety net facilities can post jobs in dozens of professions and specialties, while connect with job seekers through 3RNet.

The link for employers to register can be found  here.

For more information about 3RNet, visit: https://www.3rnet.org/

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