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Nueva Ley... New Law Provides Pre-Natal Medical Assistance for Non-Citizens

Under a new law that took effect in Wisconsin January 1, 2006, pregnant non-citizens who meet the standard income requirements of the program will be eligible to receive Medicaid regardless of their immigration status.

The new program, which is an expansion of the state's current Badgercare program, does not require a social security card or immigration documentation. The program only requires that applicants be a resident of the county in which they apply, complete a standard Medical Assistance application, provide verification of pregnancy and submit proof that their household income is below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. Applicants whose household income is in excess of 150% of the poverty level must pay a fee for the coverage, which will usually average about \$75 to \$150 per month, depending on total household income.

Anyone interested in applying for the program should call or visit their local county Human Services or Social Services agency. Agencies are listed.

Celebre...Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm both days. Location – UMOs Center
There will be music, food, merchandise vendors, children's stage and amusement rides.

Consejos Sobre la Artritis... Arthritis Advice

May is National Arthritis Month and this article explains what the three common types of arthritis are; osteo-arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and gout. It explains symptoms and treatments for each type of arthritis. More information can be obtained by contacting the agencies listed at the end of the article.

¿Cómo Hacer...How to make a budget

This article, supplied by Educated Investor, explains how to set up a budget. Good money management begins with a written budget that lists income and expenses, and in which the income and expenses are balanced. A sample of what items would be considered income and what items would be considered expenses is given in the box. One thing to remember is always pay yourself first. Most financial consultants agree that the best way to avoid financial problems and save for future expenses is to pay yourself first.

Derechos y Responsabilidades...Renters' Rights and Responsibilities in Wisconsin

When you rent a house or apartment you have certain rights and responsibilities, and to avoid

problems it is important to know what those rights and responsibilities are. Some of the items listed include:

- Landlords may not rent or advertise properties that have been condemned
- The landlord must show you any housing code violations that he has been cited for. He also has to reveal any other defect that could be dangerous to your health or safety, such as structural defects, no hot or cold water or serious plumbing or electrical problems.
- If the heating system can't maintain a temperature of 67 degrees F this has to be revealed.
- If you have to pay the utilities, the landlord must explain this before renting the house/apartment.
- If the unit is one of a multiple unit building that don't have individual meters, the landlord has to explain how the utility bills will be divided among the multiple units.
- You have the right to inspect the house or apartment before renting it.
- Any promise made by the landlord to repair problems must be given to you in writing before you decide to rent the property, and it must include a date when the repairs will be finished.
- Rental agreements are not required to be in writing. Nevertheless, if there is a written agreement, the landlord should give you the opportunity to read it before deciding to rent. If you do decide to rent, you should get a copy of the agreement.
- If the landlord requires a deposit with your rental application, he must return the complete deposit if your application is rejected. If for some reason you decide not to rent the property, the landlord may keep from your deposit any expenses incurred because of your decision not to rent.

Cinco de Mayo in Janesville...

May 5 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm – Sign up for the talent show – 1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$50, Third prize \$25

DJ – Lalo, Call 608-752-5445 for more information – location UAW Hall, 1795 La Fayette in Janesville.

Programa de Recuperación – Sexual Assault Recovery Program

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This program, offered through Family Services in Beloit, provides services for victims of sexual assault. Services include responding to the ER to help victims. They offer assistance through the legal system. A crisis line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They also offer training sessions in Rock and Green counties to educate the community about sexual abuse. The phone numbers and address are listed.

Expresandote: Entre Mujeres – Women's Group

PADA is sponsoring a Women's Group for any women who want to talk, make friends, learn about the community, services, school and immigrant rights. The group will meet each Wednesday from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at the Jefferson County Literacy Center. Registration is not required. Childcare is provided. Call Alejandra at the numbers listed for more information about the program.