Good news in the Maine workplace!

DHA’s Part-Time Worker Coverage Voucher Program provides financial assistance to help qualified employees pay for health coverage through their employer health plans.

This program may be a win-win situation for employers who want to reward valued workers and employees who appreciate this important work benefit.

For more information on the Part-Time Worker Coverage Voucher Program, call 1-877-892-8391 or visit www.dirigohealth.maine.gov, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

The Part-Time Worker Coverage Voucher Program
An Affordable Advancement in Health Care Coverage
Here’s how to qualify
The program is available to part-time and seasonal employees who are Maine residents and who have had no health insurance for 90 days prior to the effective date of the employer sponsored coverage.

Maine businesses of any size can participate in the program.

“Insurance for part-timers was missing in Maine. The Part-Time Worker Voucher Program fills that gap nicely. It adds value to employees’ jobs, it adds retention for the employer and it makes a difference if a company offers a health plan. It’s easy, affordable and it works.”

Linda Ricchio, Broker and Owner
LMR Insurance

Monthly Employee Costs
The amount of the voucher varies according to an employee’s income level, family size and assets. The chart below shows the final amount eligible employees will spend per month for their health insurance after payroll deductions and voucher payments.

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How the voucher program works
Employers deduct the employee’s share of the insurance premium from his or her paycheck. DHA provides each eligible employee with a Voucher EBT card that works like a debit card. At the first of each month, DHA automatically deposits money into each card account to help employees offset the amount that was deducted from their paycheck.

Employers must contribute at least 5% to the employee’s insurance.

Voucher EBT cards work like debit cards at stores, banks and ATMs bearing the Quest® sign.

Maine Employers, Employees, and Insurance Professionals can vouch for the Voucher Program.

“It’s a HUGE relief to know that I finally have health insurance through the DHA Part-Time Worker Voucher Program.”

Jaime Chandler
Home Health Care Aid,
Merrymeeting Behavioral Health Associates, Brunswick

“The restaurant business has a lot of part-timers – as much as 70% of our staff is part-time at certain times of year. In 2014, we will need to offer health insurance to all employees. When the Dirigo Voucher Program came along we thought, why not start now?”

Ron Stephan, Owner
Ricetta’s Ristorante
240 US Route 1, Falmouth

“It’s a huge relief to finally have health insurance and know if I were to get sick, I’d have peace of mind that I can go and see a doctor.”

Stephannie Hawkes, Server
Ricetta’s Ristorante
240 US Route 1, Falmouth

Jim Talbott, Director
Merrymeeting Behavioral Health Associates, Brunswick

“We have about 166 employees, many of whom provide in-home support to clients. We want our staff to be as healthy as possible, especially going into the field. The Dirigo Voucher Program is a logical step toward that goal, and we are pleased to have been the first Maine employer to step up and offer health coverage to our part-time employees.”