CNSI Supports Long-Term Solutions To Flint Residents

Before the holidays, CNSI talked about the top tech gifts. With 2017 now here, everyone is already looking for the next big thing. According to Forbes writer Sarwant Singh, 2017 will likely bring with it the changing nature of Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, Autonomous Vehicles and even Space Flight Accessibility. But is all this technology really beneficial?

Although the answer to that question might be up for debate, we here at CNSI believe that technology can make the world a better place. Our work with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is living proof.

Most people are aware of the Flint, Michigan water crisis. For the past few years, residents have been fighting a massive health crisis caused by high lead levels, which are especially harmful to children and pregnant women. In March of 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the State's request to extend Medicaid coverage and services to Flint residents. As a result, approximately 15,000 additional children and pregnant women became eligible for Medicaid coverage and 30,000 current Medicaid beneficiaries became eligible for expanded services under this new waiver agreement.

CNSI worked with the MDHHS Medicaid Program, CHAMPS, to build a solution that encompasses all the Flint waiver requirements. Leveraging our business, technical and operational knowledge of CHAMPS, the state now uses a newly created MAGI code that:

- Identifies Flint beneficiaries;
- Waives cost-sharing and premium expenses;
- Creates a new Targeted Case Management benefit plan; and
- Generates correspondence to all eligible beneficiaries.



In addition to deploying these system enhancements, CNSI also made a recent donation to the Flint Child Health and Development Fund. This foundation is focused on mitigating the impact of the Flint water crisis on children. Our donation will support their long-term initiatives to address health needs, provide education, and increase family, social and emotional support.

Since the impacts of lead exposure are often long-term, so must the investments made to ensure that every Flint child is given the chance to be healthy and successful. We are extremely proud to provide both lasting technological and philanthropic to support to those living in the communities in which we serve. So, when we say have a happy and healthy New Year, we mean it!

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