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Wayne County Four Star helps Detroit retrain healthy workers

August 20, 2007 – Wayne County, Michigan. –Wayne County Four Star Health, a successful non-profit health program available to low and moderate income employees in Wayne County, has expanded program eligibility to also cover workers who have left the workforce and are now students.

Starting on September 1, 2007, The Wayne County Four Star STUDENT EDITION health program will begin – offering full service health coverage to qualifying students that live in Wayne County. This comprehensive health program will be available to most students under 21 as well as over 21 – right up to 64 years of age – as long as they maintain at least 6.0 credit hours per semester and make less than \$30,000 per year.

Under the chairmanship of Wayne County Executive, Robert A. Ficano, Four Star is a program is funded by sharing expenses with a non-profit fund and the student, which effectively offers full benefit coverage for a fraction of the usual cost.

“Helping Detroit to retrain for the future doesn’t work if we can’t stay on our feet until we are ready”, says Rick Nowakowski, program administrator and STUDENT EDITION manager. “This program makes sure that good quality health care is available to students that are on their own – either just out of high school – or moving on to a new career.”

Benefits provided by the program are available at St. John Health, Detroit Medical Center, Henry Ford Health System, and Oakwood Healthcare System, and cover a full menu of services, such as prescription coverage, hospitalization, emergencies and outpatient care.

“We all need to pitch in and lend a hand to Wayne County residents who are trying to make the transition to new skills”, Nowakowski continues, “And Wayne County Four Star found a way to reach out to more than just uninsured employees.”

Information booklets about the program are available by calling 866-780-6655 or on the web at <http://www.waynecountyfourstar.org/student>