MISSION

Portico Healthnet’s mission is to reduce the number of people without coverage for health care services.

ABOUT US

Portico Healthnet helps low-income, uninsured Minnesotans enroll in health care coverage, understand how to use the health care system, and access community resources. Portico’s multi-lingual, culturally competent staff help navigate the complicated process of finding and understanding health care coverage. With increased access to primary and preventive care, clients’ overall health improves and unnecessary and costly emergency department visits and hospitalizations decrease.
CHALLENGES TO HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Despite reaching an historic low of 4.3% in 2015, Minnesota’s uninsurance rate rose to 6.3% in 2017. Certain groups of Minnesotans continue to have higher rates of uninsurance: young adults (10.9%); persons with incomes below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (11.3%); those with a high school education or less (11.9%); people of color and American Indians (13.9).

Declines in coverage present serious concerns about the ability of Minnesota families to access timely, quality medical services. According to the 2017 Minnesota Health Care Access Survey, of those who were uninsured:

- 46% reported forgoing care due to cost.
- 47% had no usual source of health care.
- 38% had little or no confidence in getting needed care.
- 51% were potentially eligible for public health care coverage.

Of those who had insurance:

- 20% reported complexities to staying insured were a barrier to obtaining and maintaining coverage.

*Portico addresses these challenges by helping underserved communities access health coverage and care.*

Source: [https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/economics/hasurvey/index.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/data/economics/hasurvey/index.html)

2019 PORTICO CLIENT OUTCOMES

- 20,129 people reached through outreach events
- 10,865 people served
- 6,236 individuals successfully enrolled in health care coverage
- 91% approval rate of Portico-assisted applications for health care coverage
- 3,836 people referred to a health or social service resource
- 698 professionals from throughout Minnesota trained through the Portico Navigator Training Institute
- 502 state-wide members of Assister Connect, Portico’s moderated forum for MNsure Assisters
2019 Client Demographics

- **82%** people of color
- **40%** children under the age of 19
- **96%** live in the 7-county Twin Cities Metro Area
- **45%** of referrals to Portico come from a friend or family member

- **53%** speak a language other than English as their primary language
- **30%** of those over 18 years old do not have a high school diploma or equivalent
- **84%** have household income at or below 200% of federal poverty level (annual income of $50,200 for a family of four)
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