Our Mission

To advance equitable access to health coverage for all Minnesotans

About Us

Since 1995, Portico Healthnet has helped low-income, uninsured Minnesotans enroll in health insurance, understand how to use the health care system, and access community resources. Portico’s multi-lingual, culturally competent staff help people navigate the complex process of finding and understanding health insurance. Our enrollment experts connect Minnesota’s most vulnerable and difficult-to-reach residents with health coverage and care.
2021 Client Outcomes

6,355
people reached through outreach

12,158
people served

5,555
people successfully enrolled in health insurance

2,123
people referred to a health or social service resource
Organization Updates

While the COVID-19 pandemic continued in 2021, Portico kept its commitment to helping Minnesotans access health coverage and care. Portico continued with a remote service model while making changes to staffing and technology to become more efficient and to better serve client needs. Portico also established a revenue-generating contract model with local health related organizations.

Health disparities due to race continue to impact Minnesotans of Color. To reflect Portico’s ongoing commitment to increase access to health coverage and care for all Minnesotans, Portico changed our mission statement to reflect our work to increase health equity.

Portico Healthnet is
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Health insurance enables individuals and families to access the health care they need when they need it. When people are healthy, they are better able to contribute to their families and communities. However, applying for health insurance can be complex and confusing. Portico helps people understand what health insurance options they are eligible for and helps them through the process of enrolling.

**Client Story**

Julie was experiencing a serious medical condition that caused her to faint unexpectedly. Her condition left her unable to work and her son was caring for her at home. After an initial consultation at a community clinic, she was referred to a neurologist. However, as Julie no longer had employer-sponsored insurance, she did not have the health insurance needed to access specialist care.

The community clinic referred Julie to Portico and a Portico navigator helped her complete an application for Medical Assistance. Julie was approved the same day. Knowing Julie’s situation was urgent, the navigator helped Julie call her county to obtain her medical ID number right away. With active insurance, Julie was able to schedule her neurologist appointment and get the health care she needs.
2021 Client Demographics

- 79% people of color
- 31% children under the age of 19
- 97% live in the 7-county Twin Cities Metro area
- 50% speak a language other than English as their primary language
- 39% of those over 18 years old do not have a high school diploma or equivalent
- 79% have household income at or below 200% of federal poverty level
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