

MolinaCares in Utah NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from Plan President Brandon Hendrickson

Welcome to the first edition of the 2026 Molina Healthcare of Utah ("Molina") newsletter. As Plan President, I have the privilege of serving Utah's Medicaid members and leading our mission to improve community health statewide. Throughout the year, I look forward to sharing how the Molina team shows up for the community, bridging barriers to care and increasing access to services that build healthier communities.

Already in 2026, our team has been busy across the state, participating in community events, hosting resource fairs, and collaborating with local partners to broaden access to critical services.



In April, we collaborated with our partners at Sacred Circle Healthcare and The Salvation Army to convene two health fairs that brought preventive care directly to our neighbors. We also participated in events supporting those in recovery. In addition, we honored Autism Awareness Month, reflecting Molina's commitment to access and support for every individual and family we serve.

Keep reading to learn how Molina is driving positive change and strengthening health across Utah.

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Improving Health Outcomes through Whole Person Support and Enhanced Care Coordination

In April, we observed Medicaid Awareness Month—a time to recognize the important role Medicaid plays in improving access to care and supporting better health outcomes for thousands of Utahns every day. At Molina, we see firsthand how Medicaid managed care not only expands access to care but also helps build the foundation for long-term health and independence. By partnering with providers, community organizations, and state agencies, Molina has increased access to [nutritious food during the holiday season](#), [funded coats for the winter](#), and

brought [mammogram screenings](#) directly to the Cedar City and St. George communities.

Even more importantly, Molina's care managers also serve as an integral part of managed care. They serve as trusted partners, working one-on-one with members to connect them to medical, behavioral health, and community services. This personalized support and Molina's partnerships help members navigate a complex system, improving health outcomes and reducing avoidable hospital use while fostering healthier, more self-sufficient communities.

Tabitha's Way Increases Access to Food for Utah Families

Last year, Molina, in partnership with the Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation, [donated \\$25,000 to our longstanding partners at Tabitha's Way](#) in support of four holiday meal giveaways. The donation funded a portion of the supplies used to prepare more than 3,000 meal kits for families in the Spanish Fork and Pleasant Grove communities. Since then, we've continued our partnership with Tabitha's Way, providing resources to families at their food pantry events. With more than 87,000 Utah County residents facing food insecurity, events like this help address critical community needs.

Partnering with The Salvation Army to Support Families in Washington

Molina partnered with The Salvation Army to host a Community Resource Fair and Clothing Giveaway to support local families in the Washington area. The event provided the community with essential services and supplies such as free children's clothing, haircuts, and vision and hearing screenings. In Utah, [rural residents can face persistent health barriers](#) due to geographic isolation, provider shortages, and other factors. Through this event, Molina and community partners hope to connect residents with resources locally, supporting the health and well-being of Washington residents.



Sacred Circle Healthcare and Molina Host Community Resource Fair

This April, Molina collaborated with Sacred Circle Healthcare to host a Community Resource Fair, connecting Salt Lake residents with more than 30 local organizations offering health, wellness, and social services. Access to health care remains a growing challenge in Salt Lake County and surrounding areas, with [residents](#)

[reporting barriers to health care access](#), including transportation barriers and limited preventive care services and resources. Through this event, Molina and partners made services more accessible to Utahns by bringing them directly to their neighborhood.

Honoring Autism Awareness Month Through Community Events

During Autism Awareness Month, Molina was on the ground in Ogden and Salt Lake City, sharing health resources and support with local families. On April 16, **Ogden Valley Adaptive** hosted the **Awesome Autistic Ogden event**, bringing families and community partners together for a day of connection, food, and fun. Children enjoyed a new adaptive playground while parents accessed valuable information and services.

Just two days later, Molina joined the **Uniquely You Open House & Resource Fair**, hosted by **Valley Behavioral Health's Carmen B. Pingree Autism Center of Learning**. Families connected with local programs and support services, while enjoying inclusive activities like art stations and puzzles, as well as sensory and physical play.

Individuals living with autism often face complex health needs, including a [higher prevalence of co-occurring physical and mental health conditions](#). Through these events, Molina and community partners expanded access to critical resources while also creating space to build understanding and celebrate neurodiversity.



Supporting Community Health in April

Throughout April, Molina participated in various local gatherings and events dedicated to supporting the well-being of Utahns. At the **Super Safe Kids Day** at Newgate Mall in Ogden, families visited safety booths, picked up free bike helmets, and learned practical tips to keep kids safe at home, on the road, and in the community. The Molina team handed out resources and connected with residents.

To celebrate the arrival of spring, Molina also supported two Easter egg hunts in the Sandy and South Salt Lake communities. These family-friendly events brought residents together with activities, food, and a diaper drive. The Molina team was also on-site to provide community resources and health information.

To round out the month, the Molina team also joined the **Community Health & Wellness Day** hosted by **Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation and the Adult**

Learning Fairpark Family Learning Center, connecting adults and families to preventive health screenings and wellness resources.

Molina Employees Give Back to Utah Communities Through Our Volunteer Time Off Program

At Molina, giving back to the communities we serve is a core part of who we are. We encourage our employees to take part in Volunteer Time Off (VTO) opportunities that allow them to support local organizations and connect directly with our friends and neighbors across Utah. These experiences strengthen our communities while also giving our staff a meaningful sense of purpose, connection, and pride in serving others.

Recent VTO events in April included Molina staff volunteering at the **Carmen B. Pingree Autism Center for Learning's Open House and Resource Fair**.

Volunteers helped with event setup and takedown and staffed stations that highlighted students' unique strengths, including Art & Visual Expression, Builders, Engineers & Thinkers, Music & Rhythm, Communication, and Special Interests & Knowledge.

Also in April, six Molina employees returned to the Carmen B. Pingree Autism Center for Learning for a service project, where they cleaned out and organized a classroom that had been serving as a large storage space.

On the first Saturday in May, four Molina employees volunteered at the Children's Day Health and Wellness Fair, which Molina co-sponsored with **Elevate Utah** and the **Orem City Library**. Volunteers assisted with event setup, supported activity tables, helped direct parking, and managed cleanup at the end of the event.

On May 22, Molina staff helped assemble resource bags for the **Valley Behavioral Health/Molina Healthcare BBQ and Resource Event** held on Tuesday, June 2. At that event, Molina volunteers supported setup, served lunch to participants, and assisted with cleanup afterward.



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