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### **Outreach to Flint's Blind Community Helps Ensure Access to Information and Resources**

Flint, Mich. – The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) is working to ensure Flint's blind community has access to all information and resources related to the Flint water emergency.

"We have made direct contact with all of the bureau's blind clients who live in Flint to ensure they have the resources they need and we will continue to provide assistance to any Flint resident who is blind or visually impaired," said BSBP Director Edward Rodgers.

Bureau staff contacted nearly 40 BSBP clients living in Flint by either home visit or phone to ensure they had access to all health-related water emergency information and to offer assistance in obtaining bottled water, filters, water replacement cartridges and water testing kits.

Information is available in braille by contacting the bureau. Flint residents who are blind or visually impaired and need further assistance or information should contact Sue Luzenski at the BSBP at [Luzenskis@michigan.gov](mailto:Luzenskis@michigan.gov) or 517-335-4265.

The State of Michigan continues to coordinate response efforts in partnership with the City of Flint, Genesee County and local community organizations. Additional information about water response efforts is available at [www.michigan.gov/flintwater](http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater), by calling United Way's 211 or visiting [www.helpforflint.com](http://www.helpforflint.com).

For more information about the BSBP, visit [www.michigan.gov/bsbp](http://www.michigan.gov/bsbp) or call 1-800-292-4200, TTY 888-864-1212.

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