



## Notice of Discontinuance of Service for [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org)

After review and consideration, DALNET has decided to discontinue the [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org) service effective on April 1, 2012. DALNET is pleased to have offered the [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org) service since 2004. The DALNET Health Gateway will remain in service at <http://health.dalnet.org> and will have new links added in early 2012. The [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org) will be redirected to the Health Gateway until April 1, 2013.

The decision to end [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org) has been made in part based on the following:

1. There has been a marked decrease in the number of institutions still using the system, with only a few institutions regularly posting events in 2011.
2. Analytical data indicates that use of [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org) has seen a marked decline since 2007 when the gathering of use statistics began.
3. There are few or no events entered for 2012 on most calendars.
4. The system is not currently fully functional.
5. The software running [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org) is well beyond end-of-life, has been discontinued, and is no longer supported.
6. In 2011 the federal government discontinued the *Health Go Local* services offered through the National Institute of Health after determination that use of Internet search engines has negated the need to host/offers separate systems for such services.

Institutions looking for other calendar options may consider the following as alternative services for [healthcalendar.org](http://healthcalendar.org):

1. Famundo: <http://www.famundo.com/>
2. Google Calendar: <http://www.google.com/calendar/>
3. DALNET members also have the option of submitting calendar files in PDF or other formats to the DALNET office for hosting on the DALNET web server.

Institutions that adopt new calendars and services are encouraged to submit links to these resources for inclusion in the DALNET Health Gateway.