

Help with Health Care

Southwest Michigan

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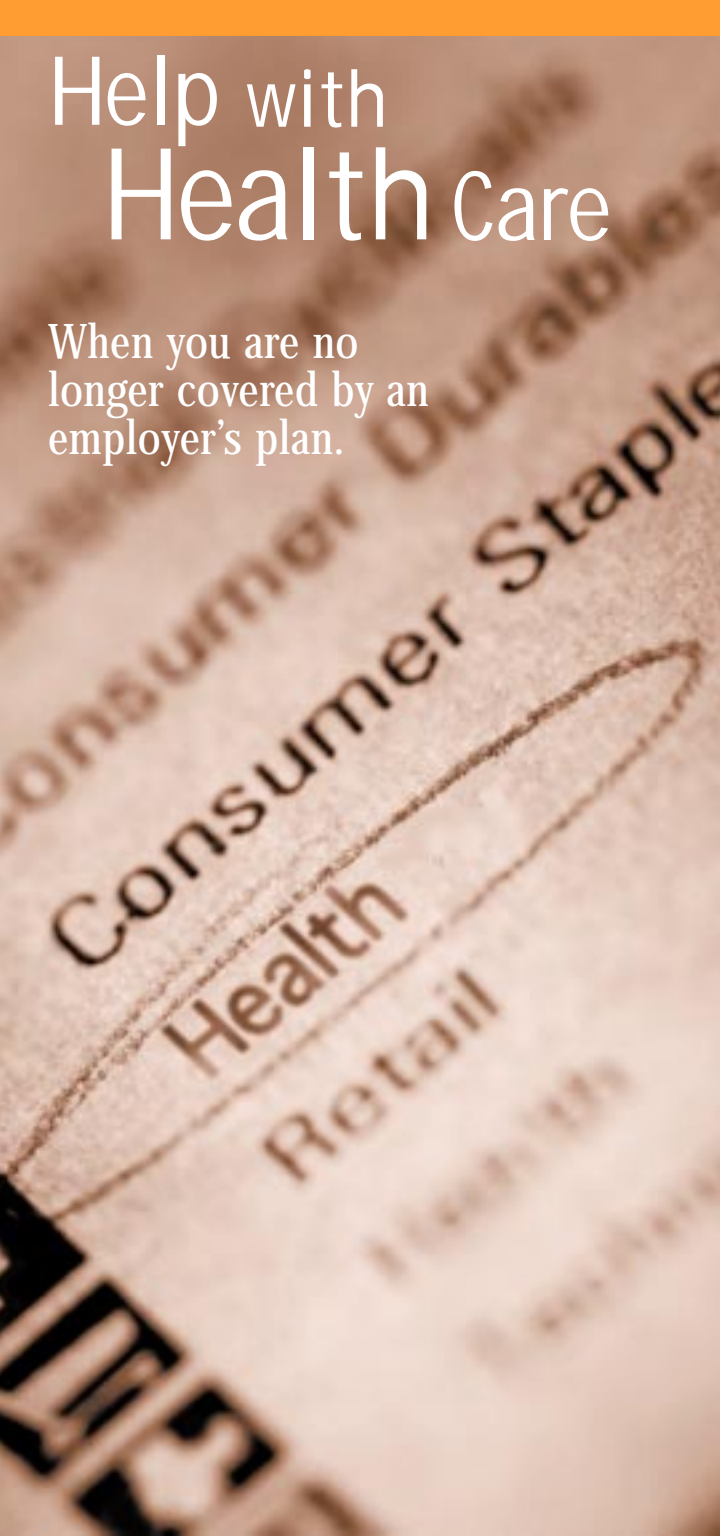


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Healthy Kids/Pregnant Women

A comprehensive health plan for children under age 19 and pregnant women. There are no payments required, however there are some income criteria.

(888) 988-6300

MIChild/Pregnant Women

Provides basic health coverage and preventive services to uninsured Michigan children and pregnant women who do not qualify for Medicaid for \$5.00 per month.

(800) 543-7765

Medicaid

The State of Michigan provides medical assistance through Medicaid and the State Medical Program (SMP). To qualify you must meet eligibility standards related to income, family size, and other criteria. Contact your local health department or Family Independence Agency (FIA) to determine your eligibility.

Allegan County FIA

(616) 673-7700

Berrien County FIA

(616) 934-2000

Barry County FIA

(616) 948-3200

Branch County FIA

(517) 279-4200

Calhoun County FIA

(517) 629-5522

Cass County FIA

(616) 445-0200

Kalamazoo County FIA

(616) 337-4900

Kent County FIA

(616) 247-6000

Muskegon County FIA

(231) 733-3700

Ottawa County FIA

(616) 394-7200

(Medicaid, continued)

St. Joseph County FIA

(616) 467-1200

Van Buren County FIA

(616) 621-2800

Kalamazoo Health Plan

Available to Kalamazoo County residents who are eligible for the State Medical Program or who are below 200% of the federal poverty level. Doctors visits cost \$5.00 and prescriptions range from \$5-\$10. Please call for enrollment information.

(616) 373-5003

Kent Health Plan

Kent Health Plan is a community-sponsored program that helps uninsured people get health care services. It is available to Kent County residents who are eligible for State Medical Program (SMP) and other low-income uninsured people who cannot get coverage under Medicaid, Medicare, or other programs.

(866) 291-8691

Muskegon Access Health Plan

Muskegon Access Health Plan is a community-sponsored program that helps uninsured people get health care services. It is available to Kent County residents who are eligible for State Medical Program (SMP) and other low-income uninsured people who cannot get coverage under Medicaid, Medicare, or other programs.

(231) 728-3201

Veterans Health Care

Provides comprehensive medical services to all military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The services are either free or require a small co-payment.

(800) 827-1000

Maternal and Infant Health Advocacy Services

Provides referrals to agencies that assist pregnant women with health insurance, prenatal care, and agencies that provide assistance for women with young children. Please contact your local health department for more information.

Local Health Departments

They offer a variety of free or low-cost health and social services to resident of their area. These services may include well-child clinics, prenatal care, breast and cervical cancer screening, family planning, immunizations and other related programs. Services and eligibility vary from county to county and in some cases appointments are necessary.

Allegan County Health Department
(616) 673-5411

Berrien County Health Department
(616) 926-7121

Barry County Health Department
(517) 485-7110/11

Branch County Health Department
(517) 279-9561

Calhoun County Health Department
(616) 966-1210

Cass County Health Department
(616) 621-3143

Kalamazoo County Health Department
(616) 373-5200

Kent County Health Department
(616) 336-3030

Muskegon County Health Department
(231) 724-6311

Ottawa County Health Department
(616) 396-5266

St. Joseph County Health Department
(517) 279-9561

Van Buren County Health Department
(616) 621-3143

Planned Parenthood

- Provides reproductive health care including annual exams, pregnancy testing, and sterilization to women and men.

(Planned Parenthood, continued)

- Fees are based on a sliding scale.
- There are 26 clinics throughout Michigan.
- Call (800) 230-PLAN to be connected to the clinic nearest you.

United Way Supported Information and Referral Services

United Way organizations provide information and referral for a variety of health care programs including programs that assist those who cannot pay for prescription medication. There are a number of these programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. For information and referral call your local United Way supported information service.

Tel-Help of United Way Community Services
(800) 552-1183

Medical Societies

If you do not have your own physician, your local medical or osteopathic society will provide you with names of physicians in your area.

Berrien County Medical Society
(616) 983-7501

Calhoun County Medical Society
(616) 660-0893

Kalamazoo County Medical Society
(616) 342-8502

Kent County Medical Society
(616) 458-4157

Muskegon County Medical Society
(231) 759-9000

Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Inc.
(Will make referrals for any county located in Michigan.)
(517) 347-1555 or (800) 657-1556



Prescriptions

Elder Prescription Insurance Coverage (EPIC)

EPIC is a state program to help low-income senior Michigan residents access prescription drugs. Eligibility requirements include: age 65 or over, not currently receiving Medicaid benefits or private prescription drug insurance, not institutionalized, and a resident of Michigan for at least three months. EPIC will cover most prescription drugs plus insulin, needles, and syringes for diabetics. Seniors can receive information and application materials at the following agencies:

General information: (517) 241-3424

Allegan County

Allegan County Resource Development Committee, Inc
(616) 673-5472

Barry County

Barry County Commission on Aging
(616) 948-4856

Berrien County

Benton Harbor/Benton Township Senior Center
(616) 927-2497

Central County Center for Senior Citizens
(616) 471-2017

Niles Senior Center
(616) 683-9380

North Berrien Senior Center
(616) 468-3366

River Valley Senior Center
(616) 469-4556

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
(616) 925-9077

St. Joseph/Lincoln Township Senior Center
(616) 983-7768

Branch County

Branch County Commission on Aging
(517) 279-7043

Calhoun County

Albion Interfaith Ministries

(517) 629-5260

Community Action Agency of South-Central Michigan

(616) 966-2466

Fountain Clinic

(616) 781-0952

Sr. Resources of SW Michigan/Burnham Brook Center

(616) 966-2566

Cass County

Cass County Council on Aging

(616) 445-8110

Kalamazoo County

Comstock Community Center

(616) 345-8556

Ecumenical Senior Center

(616) 381-9750

First Presbyterian Health Clinic

(616) 344-0044

Heritage Com./Westland Meadows

(616) 344-5418

Portage Senior Center

(616) 329-4555

Senior Services, Inc.

(616) 382-0515

South County Community Services

(616) 649-2901

Kent County

ACSET - Latin American Services

(616) 336-4018

Senior Neighbors, Inc.

(616) 459-6019

United Methodist Community House

(616) 241-1645

Muskegon County

Senior Resources of Western Michigan

(231) 739-5858

Ottawa County

Evergreen Commons

(616) 396-7100

North Ottawa County Council on Aging

(616) 842-9210

St. Joseph County

St. Joseph County Commission on Aging

(616) 279-8083

Van Buren County

South Haven Area Senior Services

(616) 637-3607

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency

(800) 968-3905

Van Buren United Civic Organization

(616) 764-8378

LillyAnswers

(877) RX-LILLY

- A flat \$12 administrative fee for a 30-day supply of any Lilly retail distributed drugs
- Open to Medicare enrolled seniors and people with disabilities without any other prescription coverage that meet income guidelines

Pfizer ShareCard

(800) 717-6005

- \$15 Pfizer prescriptions if you are enrolled in Medicare, have no prescription drug coverage and you meet income requirements

Prescription Drug and Patient Assistance Programs

To make it easier for physicians to identify prescription programs available for needy patients, member companies of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) created a directory listing programs that provide drugs to physicians whose patients could not otherwise afford them. The programs are listed alphabetically by company. Under the entry for each program is information about how to make a request for assistance, what medications are covered and basic eligibility criteria.

www.phrma.org or www.needymeds.org

(202) 835-3400



Other Prescription Programs

Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan

117 North First Street, Suite 40

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(734) 761-2535 or (800) 482-3041

- Will help cover medications for adults and children who have Hemophilia

Michigan Lupus Foundation

26507 Harper Avenue

St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

(810) 775-8310

- Provides one-time, emergency assistance for people diagnosed with Lupus

Michigan Parkinson Foundation

30161 Southfield Road

Southfield, MI 48076

(248) 433-1011 or (800) 852-9781

Myasthenia Gravis Association

17117 W. Nine Mile Road

Southfield, MI 48075

(248) 423-9700

- Provides mail order medication for the drugs Mestinon and Prednisone for persons with diagnosis of Myasthenia Gravis

National Kidney Foundation

2350 South Huron Parkway

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(800) 482-1455

- Clients must be pre-dialysis, transplant or diagnosed with kidney disease to be eligible for medication

Free or Low-Cost Clinics

The following is a list of community based sources for obtaining free or reduced-cost medical assistance. These resources can provide immediate assistance to eligible clients in need. Since funding availability to these agencies can change greatly, services can vary by the month. It is always important to call first.

Baldwin Family Health Care

4967 N. Michigan Avenue
Baldwin, MI 49304
(231) 745-2743

Baxter Wholistic Health Clinic

935 Baxter SE
Grand Rapids, MI 59406
(616) 456-5310

- Sliding scale fee
- Pediatric, adult, dental, and eye care

Catherine's Care Center

224 Carrier NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
(616) 336-8800

- Sliding scale fees or free for low-income uninsured
- General family practice including immunizations

Cherry Street Health Center

550 Cherry Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 235-7272

- Sliding fee scale
- Medical, dental, prenatal care, X-rays
- Open to Kent County and surrounding area residents

Clinica Santa Maria

St. Mary's Health Services
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 452-9092

- Physicals, dental care, and help with prescriptions
- Focused on the Hispanic community

Community Health Center

336 S. River Avenue
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 394-3788

- Primary care and social work services
- Bilingual/bicultural
- Sliding fee scale

First Presbyterian Church Health Clinic

321 W. South St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(616) 344-0044

- General health care including urgent care, medication assistance, physical therapy and dental and vision referrals
- Eligibility requirements include: Kalamazoo County resident, not a veteran, and not eligible for Medicaid
- All services are free

Grand Rapids Pediatrics

330 Barclay
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-4314

- Sliding scale
- Medical care services for children

Health Intervention Services

15 Andre SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 475-8420

Intercare Community Health Network

285 James Street
Holland, MI 49423
(616)475-8446 or (800) 653-9428

- Migrant farm workers, seasonal agricultural workers and their families are eligible for a sliding fee scale

Mel Trotter Ministries/Heartside Clinic

255 Commerce Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-8249

- Medical, dental and optical care
- Also provides substance abuse treatment





West Side Health Center

669 Stocking Avenue
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 235-1480

- Sliding fee scale
- Provides medical, dental, and prenatal care, as well as X-rays

School Based/Linked Health Centers

School-based/linked health centers provide a variety of services. These services can include: health screenings, immunizations, treatment of minor injuries, medical exams, and lab services. Call your local clinic to find out what services they provide.

Berrien County

Benton Harbor High School Teen Health Center
(616) 927-5689

Kent County

Burton Elementary/Middle School
(616) 247-3628

Muskegon County

Muskegon Adolescent Health Program
(231) 724-1244

Mental Health Services

The community mental health boards in each county offer assistance to persons with developmental disabilities and to persons with emotional or psychiatric disorders. Payment for services is based on each person's ability to pay. The boards should be contacted to determine what mental health services they provide.

Allegan County CMH

(616) 673-6617

Barry County CMH

(616) 948-8041

Berrien County CMH

(616) 927-6065

Branch County CMH

(517) 279-8404

Calhoun County CMH

(616) 966-1460

Cass County CMH

(616) 445-2451

Kalamazoo County CMH

(616) 553-8000

Kent County CMH

(616) 336-3765

Muskegon County CMH

(231) 724-1111

Ottawa County CMH

(616) 393-5600

St. Joseph County CMH

(616) 273-5000

Van Buren County CMH

(616) 657-5574

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- Provides substance abuse treatment

Michigan Department of Public Health Center for Substance Abuse Services—Access, Assessment, and Referral (AAR)

These agencies, located throughout the state, refer individuals in need of substance abuse treatment to an appropriate residential or outpatient program. Substance abusers who also need specialized services such as perinatal care or those who are high risk for diseases such as HIV/AIDS or tuberculosis are referred for additional support services. For more information, call the AAR agency in your area.

Kalamazoo County Human Services Department, Substance Abuse Division

(Serving Barry, Branch, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph counties)

(616) 381-2359

(Mental Health Services, continued)

Kent County Community Mental Health

(Serving Montcalm, Ionia, Newaygo, and Kent counties)
(616) 336- 3909

Lake Shore Coordinating Council

(Serving Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Muskegon, Ottawa, and Van Buren counties)
(231) 733-5334 or (800) 981-2481

Mid South Substance Abuse Center

(Serving Calhoun County)
(517) 783-4239

Dental and Vision Services

Clinica Santa Maria

St. Mary's Health Services
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 452-9092

- Physicals, dental care, and help with prescriptions
- Focused on the Hispanic community

Dental Demonstration Project

2479 Woodlake Circle, Suite 300
Okemos, MI 48864
(888) 826-6565

- Provides reimbursement for preventive and restorative dental services through participating providers
- Eligibility limited to: HIV+, applied to Medicaid, 200% below federal poverty guidelines, Michigan resident

Kalamazoo Valley Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic

6767 West "O" Ave,
Kalamazoo, MI 49003
(616) 372-5338

- Low cost basic dental care including cleaning and X-rays

West Michigan Dental Foundation

400 Ann NW Suite 203A
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 364-8090

- Comprehensive dental care
- Available to low-income working adults in Kent County

(Dental and Vision Services, continued)

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669 Stocking Avenue
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 235-1480

- Sliding fee scale
- Provides medical, dental, and prenatal care, as well as X-rays

Special Programs

AIDS Hotline

(800) 872-AIDS (872-2437), (734) 727-7124
(800) 750-TEEN (750-8336)

Children's Leukemia Foundation

29777 Telegraph Road, Suite 1651
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 353-8222

Poison Control

(800) 764-7661

Michigan Department of Community Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

(800) 922-6266

- Free screenings for women over 40 years of age who are low to moderate income and belong to an HMO



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is a community service coalition of
more than 100 organizations dedicated
to ensure that all residents of Southeast Michigan
have access to high-quality, affordable health care.



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