

CAH Chronicle



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Critical Access Hospitals

The following table of approved Critical Access Hospitals in Michigan is provided as a mechanism for hospitals to share experience and information. Hospitals are listed in alphabetical order.

Hospital	Address	Telephone
Baraga County Memorial Hospital www.upbiz.com/up_wide/baraga/bcmh.html	770 N. Main St. L'Anse, MI 49946	(906) 524-3300
Borgess Lee Memorial Hospital	420 High Street Dowagiac, MI 49047-1990	(269) 782-8681
Deckerville Community Hospital	3559 Pine St., Box 126 Deckerville, MI 48427	(810) 376-2835
Harbor Beach Community Hospital	210 S. First St. Harbor Beach, MI 48441	(989) 479-3201
Helen Newberry Joy Hospital	502 W. Harrie St. Newberry, MI 49868	(906) 293-9247
Kalkaska Memorial Health Center www.munsonhealthcare.org	419 S. Coral St. Kalkaska, MI 49646	(231) 258-7500
Leelanau Memorial Health Center www.munsonhealthcare.org	215 S. High St., Box 217 Northport, MI 49670	(231) 386-0026
Mackinac Straits Hospital www.mshosp.org	220 Burdette St. St. Ignace, MI 49781	(906) 643-0456
McKenzie Memorial Hospital	120 Delaware St. Sandusky, MI 48471	(810) 648-3770
Munising Memorial Hospital www.uphcn.org/uphcn/mmh.html	1500 Sand Point Rd. Munising, MI 49862	(906) 387-4110
Ontonagon Memorial Hospital www.omh.org	601 S. Seventh St. Ontonagon, MI 49953	(906) 884-4134
Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital www.munsonhealthcare.org	224 Park Ave. Frankfort, MI 49635	(231) 352-9621
Scheurer Hospital www.scheurer.org	170 N. Caseville Rd. Pigeon, MI 48755	(989) 453-3223
Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital	500 Main St. Manistique, MI 49854	(906) 341-3221
Sheridan Community Hospital www.sheridanhospital.com	301 N. Main St. Sheridan, MI 48884	(989) 291-3261
Standish Community Hospital www.Standishhospital.com	805 W. Cedar St. Standish, MI 48658	(989) 846-4521

Welcome – Borgess Lee Memorial Hospital

Welcome, to Critical Access Hospital status, Borgess Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac. Borgess Lee Memorial is the 16th CAH in Michigan.

Community Health Initiatives

Grant funding through the Michigan Rural Hospital Flexibility Program has provided financial resources for CAHs to enhance existing community programs or to create new programs to address community identified priority health issues, and build upon community health assessment and improvement activities. Community involvement and participation is key to the success of these initiatives.

“The Benzie Learning Center”– Caregiver Resource Center & Library. The Benzie Learning Center aneldercare and caregiver support project was opened at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital (POMH) on October 1, 2002 with a \$25,000 Flex Program grant.

The Caregiver Resource Center and Library (CGRC&L) is the first of its kind in Northwest Michigan. The CGRC&L is located near the front lobby at POMH and has more than 350 care giving resources available for laypersons, healthcare professionals, adults, teens, and children. These resources include: books, video and audio programs, journals, pamphlets, newsletters, magazines, and Internet access. The topics include the fundamentals of care giving, caring for a loved one or friend with a short term or debilitating illness, resources related to psychological and spiritual aspects of care giving, respite and hospice care, loss and grief associated with care giving, care giving for those with a physical disability or mental illness, rehabilitative therapies, as well as wellness resources including nutrition and healthy aging.

The CGRC&L provides information related to Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, cancer, AIDS, lung disease (COPD), multiple sclerosis, stroke, cerebral palsy, brain injury, diabetes and autism. The library is also stocked with brochures and pamphlets marketing local agencies and resources available to caregivers and their loved ones in and near Benzie County. The Caregiver Resource Center and Library at POMH provides reliable, understandable information about care giving, while empowering community members to access resources that will help them make informed decisions about the changing needs of their loved one or friend.

In addition to the Caregiver Resource Center & Library, POMH offers a Caregiver Support Group that meets in the library every Monday. POMH is part of the Benzie County Caregiver Support Network, a committee founded in April 2001 by the POMH Auxiliary and Traverse Area Coalition for Dignity at the End of Life. This Network is committed to supporting caregivers in Benzie County with educational resources, and a caregiver support group.

POMH, in association with the Benzie County Caregiver Support Network, is dedicated to continuing efforts toward programs related to care giving

“Small Steps, Big Rewards”

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has launched “Small Steps, Big Rewards,” a new national diabetes prevention campaign in an effort to stem the explosion of diabetes by emphasizing to millions of Americans that modest lifestyle changes can do much to prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease.

Nationally, diabetes has increased nearly 50 percent in the past 10 years, and the DHHS expects the incidence to grow another 165 percent by 2050 under current trends. About 17 million Americans have diabetes, including 16 million people with type 2 diabetes. Additionally, at least 16 million more Americans have pre-diabetes, a condition that raises a person’s risk of getting type 2 diabetes.

Risk factors for diabetes and pre-diabetes include being overweight, a sedentary lifestyle, being age 45 or older, having high blood pressure, low HDL cholesterol and high triglycerides, a family history of diabetes, a history of gestational diabetes or giving birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds, and belonging to a racial or ethnic minority group.

The “Small Steps, Big Rewards” campaign will be administered by the national Diabetes Education Program, which is jointly sponsored by HHS’ National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More information on the new campaign and on the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes and pre-diabetes is available at www.ndep.nih.gov or by calling 800-438-5383.

Kids into Health Careers

Kids Into Health Careers is an initiative developed through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr). The initiative targets students from economically and educationally disadvantaged and underrepresented minority populations, and develops strategies to achieve a diverse, culturally competent health professions workforce.

Health professionals are encouraged to work with school systems through the high school level, where there are a high percentage of minority and disadvantaged students. The objectives of developing this working relationship are to: (1) encourage and inform minority and disadvantaged teenage students of educational and career opportunities in health professions; and (2) assist minority and disadvantaged students in planning and preparing for post secondary education in the health care professions.

HRSA’s Kids into Health Careers Initiative has a four fold message:

- There are job opportunities in the health care field.
- Qualifying for these job opportunities is an achievable and rewarding goal.
- Financial aid is available.
- This work fills a critical need in many medically underserved communities where primarily minority and disadvantaged people are not getting needed health care services.

Instructional materials, including visual aids and talking points can be found on the Kids Into Health Careers website at: www.hrsa.gov/bhpr/kids/careers

Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Nondiscrimination in Post-Hospital Referral to Home Health Agencies (HHA)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled Nondiscrimination in Post-Hospital Referral to HHA & other Entities. It was published in the Federal Register Friday, November 22. The proposed rule establishes a process for CMS to collect, maintain, and make available to the public information about referrals of Medicare patients discharged from hospitals to HHAs and other entities in which the hospitals have a financial interest, or which have financial interest in the hospitals. This rule implements section 4321 (b) and (c) have the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

A comment period for the rule will extend 60 days from the date of publication. CMS is seeking public comments on several points, including the best means of making this information to the public. Information regarding where to send comments is provided in the regulation. The Federal Register website, where the regulation can be obtained is: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html. If you need further assistance, contact Elizabeth Carmody at 410-786-7533 or Sarah Shirey at 410-786-0187.

COMING EVENTS

Michigan Center for Rural Health 6th Annual Conference

The 6th Annual Michigan Center for Rural Health Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 – May 2, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, Mt. Pleasant.

The 2nd Annual Telehealth Conference

The 2nd Annual Telehealth Conference is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, June 18th and all day on Thursday, June 19, 2003 at the Otsego Club in Gaylord. For more information, please contact Marolee Neuberger at mneuberger@msu.edu or call 517-355-8250.

Grand Rounds

The Michigan Center for Rural Health has partnered with the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan to jointly sponsor monthly Geriatric Grand Rounds and also with the Michigan Arthritis Collaborative Partnership to jointly sponsor monthly Arthritis Grand Rounds via telebroadcast to rural areas of Michigan. The grand rounds are dually accredited for a maximum of one hour of Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credit per presentation.

Geriatric Grand Rounds Schedule: First Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

December 4 – Pain Assessment in the Elderly

Arthritis Grand Rounds: Second Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

December 11 – Shoulder Immobility

Closing Quote

“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results”

-Benjamin Franklin

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