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**Health Department of Northwest Michigan**

### **Health Department Offers Title X Services**

*Connecting residents to low- or no-cost family planning, reproductive healthcare*

Four clinics in Northwest Michigan are among the state's 92 Title X clinics highlighted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Governor Gretchen Whitmer Wednesday. The clinics provide low- or no-cost family planning and reproductive health services.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's four clinics are in Charlevoix, Gaylord, Harbor Springs, and Mancelona. They have varied hours, use telehealth for some services, and are staffed by professionals who can efficiently schedule appointments and meet with clients.

"Our clinics provide essential healthcare and high-quality reproductive health services at little or no cost," said Melissa Hahn, HDNW Family Health Director. "We see everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. All our services are confidential."

The Title X clinics provide:

- Breast and cervical cancer screenings,
- Wellness exams,
- Birth control,
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, including Rapid HIV tests,
- Pregnancy tests, counseling and referrals, and
- Emergency contraception.

"Everyone deserves access to these services, and with the costs of living soaring, our role in the community is more crucial than ever," said Jordan Wyeth, HDNW Nurse Practitioner. "We are here for all residents, but especially for those who find themselves uninsured or underinsured."

In 2021, 40.6% of the clients visiting HDNW's Title X clinics were at or below the full federal poverty level and 53.4% were publicly insured. An additional 17.9% were uninsured.

According to MDHHS, most Title X patients are low-income women, many who are uninsured and ineligible for Medicaid. No one can be refused services based on their inability to pay, with costs determined on a sliding scale. Statewide clinics served nearly 150,000 residents between 2018 and 2021.

*The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit [nwhealth.org](http://nwhealth.org).*

Title X is a national family planning program, enacted in 1970. It was created to provide affordable birth control and reproductive healthcare to individuals regardless of residency or immigration status, as well as age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, income or insurance status, or any other characteristic.

To make an appointment at a local clinic, call 800-432-4121. To learn more about Title X, go to [https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/familyplanning?utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/adult-child-serv/childrenfamilies/familyhealth/familyplanning?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

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**Cutline:** Health Department of Northwest Michigan Nurse Practitioner Jordan Wyeth recently updated the exam rooms in the Harbor Springs clinic.