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Immediate Release

Health Department Offers Community Health Services

Kingsford, Michigan – *June 17, 2015.* Community Health services provided by the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department include Women, Infants and Children (WIC); hearing and vision testing; Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP); Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS); Family Planning Program; Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP); Senior Screening Program; influenza immunizations; immunization clinics; HIV/STD Testing; Communicable Disease Control; Environmental Health Services; Healthy Michigan and Healthy Kids Medicaid application assistance; as well as many others.

The WIC program is a supplemental food and nutrition program for pregnant women, nursing and postpartum mothers, infants and children under 5 years of age who meet income requirements, for example a family of four with an annual income of \$44,123 may qualify. Benefits are provided via a bridge card (similar to a debit card) for food worth \$40-\$150 per month.

The Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP) provides supplemental prenatal care to Medicaid enrolled pregnant women and infants. Visits are conducted by a nurse, dietician and/or social worker. The family determines the plan of care and the amount of services they would like. Some of the services include: childbirth classes, breast pump loan, breastfeeding education and support, and education on healthy relationship, healthy pregnancy, and nutrition.

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The Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Program serves children birth to age 21 years that have an eligible medical diagnosis usually requiring a specialist physician. Persons with Cystic Fibrosis or Hemophilia may be enrolled at any age. CSHCS may provide a diagnostic medical exam to determine if your child has an eligible medical condition at no cost to the family. CSHCS helps children with chronic health problems by providing: coverage and referral for specialty services based on the child's health problem; community based services to help you care for your child at home and maintain normal routines; and coordination of services to pull together the many different providers who work within different agencies.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program is available to uninsured, Michigan women age 40-64 years of age who meet the generous income requirements, for example, a woman in a family of four with an annual income \$60,625 may qualify. Services include a clinical breast exam, GYN exam, mammogram, follow-up for abnormal results and referrals if needed. If cancer is diagnosed, the Health Department will assist the client in applying for full Medicaid coverage during treatment. Also, BCCCP may cover follow-up diagnostic services to insured women that meet the income guidelines, but have a high-deductible.

The Health Department provides assistance with applications for Healthy Michigan and Healthy Kids Medicaid for our clients. Healthy Kids is a Michigan Medicaid program that pays for medical care for children up to 19 years of age and pregnant women. Persons with income below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level may be eligible. Healthy Michigan Medicaid is for adults whose household income is at approximately 133% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department is committed to promoting wellness, preventing disease, providing health care, and protecting the environment. For additional information about our services visit our website at www.didhd.org or call the Health Department at (906) 774-7202 or (906) 265-9913.

Dickinson-Iron District Health Department Serving the Community Since 1936 in Health Protection, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

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