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### **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan awards more than \$1 million to safety net providers across the state**

*Grants expand opportunities for low-income, uninsured Michiganders*

**DETROIT, Dec. 2, 2016** – Safety net clinics statewide will receive more than \$1 million of support from grants awarded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Fifty free and low-cost health care clinics across the state will share \$740,000 in grants from Blue Cross to expand access to medical and dental care, and five Federally Qualified Health Centers will receive nearly \$370,000 to help build their capacity to care for vulnerable patients and support innovation and transformation within Michigan's safety net.

With these grants, Blue Cross has contributed more than \$12 million over the last 12 years to Michigan's safety net clinics to provide medical, dental and mental health care for Michigan's under and uninsured population.

"We are honored to be the largest, private donor to Michigan's free clinics across the state," said Lynda Rossi, executive vice president of Strategy, Government and Public Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "Our clinic partners are able to reach tens of thousands of individuals who otherwise have nowhere to turn. Their work takes us closer to ensuring all Michiganders have access to care outside of the emergency room setting."

The 50 grants were awarded statewide, from the western Upper Peninsula to southeast Michigan (full list of grant recipients below). With these funds, the safety net clinics expect to treat more than 64,750 vulnerable patients and assist 38,000 with obtaining coverage or other services that contribute to good health.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 8.5 percent of Michigan citizens are uninsured, which is a 3.9 percent drop from 2010.

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“Safety net providers offer vital, primary health care and dental care services to people across the state and play a key role in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan’s mission of expanding access to health care services, enhancing quality of care for patients and addressing major health issues to create a healthier Michigan,” said Rossi.

The following is a listing of Federally Qualified Health Centers receiving safety net grants from Blue Cross:

Federally Qualified Health Center	Location	Amount	Description
<b>MyCare Health Center</b>	Clinton Township	\$50,000	Hire a care coordinator to assist patients enrolled in the Medication Assisted Treatment program for substance use disorder and with other patients with complex health needs.
<b>Central City Integrated Care</b>	Detroit	\$100,000	Develop and implement a Peer Wellness Program to expand access to care and improve the health of consumers with complex health needs.
<b>Center for Family Health</b>	Jackson	\$50,000	Develop and implement integrated pediatric oral health services and support care teams that include primary care, behavioral health and dental providers.
<b>Hackley Community Care Center</b>	Muskegon	\$100,000	Develop and implement integrated oral health services at the Oakridge Teen Health Center and support care teams that include primary care, behavioral health and dental providers.
<b>Thunder Bay Community Health Services, Inc</b>	Onaway	\$67,350	Develop and implement integrated oral health services and support care teams that include primary care, behavioral health and dental providers.

The following is a list of safety net clinics that received up to \$25,000 from Blue Cross:

Safety Net Clinic Name	City	County
Cabrini Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
Catherine’s Health Center	Grand Rapids	Kent
<i>Centro Multicultural La Familia</i>	Pontiac	Oakland
<i>Cristo Rey</i> Community Center	Lansing	Ingham
Care Free Medical and Dental	Lansing	Ingham

Dr. Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic	Pontiac	Oakland
Fountain Clinic	Marshall	Calhoun
Genesee County Free Medical Clinic	Flint	Genesee
Health Intervention Services	Grand Rapids	Kent
His Healing Hands	Lansing	Ingham
Holland Free Health Clinic	Holland	Ottawa
Hope Medical Clinic	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw
Love in the Name of Christ Free Health Clinic	Grand Haven	Ottawa
Mercy Place	Pontiac	Oakland
People's Clinic For Better Health	Port Huron	St. Clair
Stehouwer Free Clinic	Cadillac	Wexford
ACC Community Health Center	Dearborn	Wayne
AuSable Free Clinic	Grayling	Crawford
Baxter Community Center	Grand Rapids	Kent
Boyne Area Free Clinic	Boyne City	Charlevoix
Care Free Dental of Dickinson & Florence	Iron Mountain	Dickinson
Caring Heart Health Clinic	Marlette	Sanilac
Cass Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
City on a Hill Health Clinic	Zeeland	Ottawa
Community HealthCare Connections	Battle Creek	Calhoun
FernCare Free Clinic	Ferndale	Oakland
Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic	Essexville	Bay
Hope House Free Medical Clinic	Big Rapids	Mecosta
Hope Medical Clinic	Westland	Wayne
HUDA Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
Jewish Vocational Services Tri-County Dental Health	Southfield	Oakland

Loving Hands Clinic	Lapeer	Lapeer
Medical Outreach Clinic	Clinton Twp.	Macomb
Mel Trotter Ministries	Grand Rapids	Kent
Northern Care Center	Cheboygan	Cheboygan
Oasis of Hope Center	Grand Rapids	Kent
Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic	West Branch	Ogemaw
Order of Malta Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County	Coldwater	Branch
Regents of the University of MI Student Run Health Center	Pinckney	Livingston
Renewed Hope Health Clinic	Allegan	Allegan
Robert R Frank Student Run Health Center	Detroit	Wayne
Saginaw Area Foundation for Eye Care	Saginaw	Saginaw
Shiawassee Free Medical Clinic	Owosso	Shiawassee
St. Luke's Clinic	Jackson	Jackson
St. Mary's of Michigan Center of HOPE Free Clinics	Saginaw	Saginaw
St. Peter's Free Clinic of Hillsdale County, Inc.	Hillsdale	Hillsdale
St. Vincent DePaul Dental Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
VINA Community Dental Center	Brighton	Livingston
Wyandotte Clinic for the Working Uninsured	Wyandotte	Wayne

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