

# Provided Services

## **Environmental Services**

Through this service inspections are provided to insure the safety of septic tanks, well water, restaurants, tourist facilities and public swimming pools.

## **Health Education**

Ben Hill County Health Department strives to educate the people of our community with information regarding health. These services are available to individuals, community groups, churches and schools. Information is delivered by nurses, nutritionists, health educators and other qualified staff members.

## **Family Planning Services**

Assists families in planning their pregnancies by providing education, physical exams, lab work and contraceptives. This program is eligible to all women of reproductive age and fees are based on income.

## **General Nursing**

Immunizations, blood tests, hearing, vision, and dental screenings, tuberculosis screenings, cancer screenings, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, head lice checks and pregnancy tests are all available through General Nursing.

## **Immunizations**

Immunizations are available for all ages with an emphasis on infants up to three years of age. At your request, the Ben Hill County Health Department will also provide adult flu shots and pneumonia vaccines on-site at your business.

## **Infectious Disease Program**

Follow-up is provided for individuals who had a communicable disease such as tuberculosis, meningitis, hepatitis or others. Contact investigation is included.

## **School Health**

Ben Hill County Health Department provides technical assistance to the school health nurse to provide health care to children in the schools' clinics on an as needed basis. School health services also include scoliosis screening, immunizations and hearing and vision testing.

## **Sexually Transmitted Disease**

If an individual suspects that he or she has a sexually transmitted disease, physical exams, lab tests, treatment and follow-up is provided through the STD program. Counseling and testing for persons who are at risk for contracting the HIV virus is also available. Follow up services are available to persons with HIV/AIDS upon request. Ben Hill County shares a Communicable Disease Specialist with other counties and these services are available as needed.

## **Sickle Cell Screening and Counseling**

This program serves ages birth to 21 years with medical screening and education about sickle cell disease and other abnormal blood disorders. Contact your physician or the Ben Hill County Health Department for a referral.

## **Community Health Planning**

A service that provides health data for the purpose of analyzing each local community's strengths and future health needs.

## **Perinatal Planner**

Tracks trends in maternal and infant mortality and morbidity, working with the community to address the problem.

# For Women and Children

## **Breast & Cervical Cancer Program**

Provides education and screening for breast and cervical cancer in women aged 40 – 64, including diagnostic follow up if indicated at no cost to eligible women.

## **Children with Special Needs**

A unit of programs working together to provide family-centered services to newborns through age 21 years who have or are at risk to develop medical conditions and/or significant developmental delays.

## **Health Check**

Provides for the screening of lead, medical and/or developmental problems in children. Medicaid covers from infancy to the 21st birthday and PeachCare covers up to age 19.

## **Perinatal Programs**

This program is composed of Perinatal Case Management (PCM), and Pregnancy Related Services (PRS). Helps pregnant women identify their needs for the delivery of a healthy baby and creates a plan to address those needs.

## **Travel Immunizations**

Travelers of all ages can receive immunizations and health care information based on the latest CDC recommendations through the Lowndes County Health Department. LCHD is an approved Yellow Fever Vaccination site.

## **Pregnancy Related Services**

Medicaid eligible mothers and babies receive two home visits after delivery to help the mother with any problems she might encounter and to teach her how to care for a newborn. Through these visits a nurse is able to detect or prevent any serious complications for the mother and infant.

## **Presumptive Eligibility**

Immediate Medicaid for pregnant women and those with a diagnosis of breast and cervical cancer, so care is not delayed.

## **Well Baby**

Complete physical exams are provided for children ages birth to five years. Included in this program are screening tests, immunizations and nutritional counseling.

## **Women, Infants & Children**

WIC is a special nutrition program that offers nutrition education, food supplements and referrals to health care providers for eligible pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum women, infants and children up to age five.

## **Adolescent Health & Youth Development**

Promotes healthy behavior for adolescents aged 10 – 19. Education in a youth friendly environment addressing risky behaviors that are attractive to teens.

## **Sweet Dreams**

Sweet Dreams provides diabetes education and services to adult type 2 diabetics with a special focus on high risk groups including African Americans and Hispanics. Services provided include self management education classes, individual and group nutrition counseling, and medication and diabetic testing supply assistance.

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Our services are available to everyone, regardless of age, race, religion, national origin, political belief, disability or sex. We charge only minimal fees for our services, and some services have adjusted fee scales based on ability to pay. Health care services will be provided even if someone is unable to pay. Medicaid and Medicare are also accepted forms of payment for covered services.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to promote and protect the health of people in Georgia wherever they live, work and play. We unite with individuals, families and communities to improve their health and enhance their quality of life.

We do this by:

- developing sound health policies and plans
- monitoring and assessing community health status and needs
- creating partnerships with communities and organizations
- providing personal and population-based services and education
- enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and safety
- providing population-based data, vital statistics and registries
- gathering information through surveillance and investigation
- disseminating wellness and health information
- evaluating our effectiveness, accessibility and quality of services
- assuring a competent, sensitive and responsive public health work force
- providing a public health laboratory capacity
- carrying out research for innovative solutions to public health problems



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

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