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Health Center to register voters

BAY MILLS — The Bay Mills Health Center will soon be registering voters as a service to patients and other community members.

“We want our patients and community members to realize that their vote can make a difference,” said Laurel Keenan, Health and Human Services director. “By integrating voter registration into our daily activities, we hope to reach individuals who might otherwise not register to vote.”

The Bay Mills Health Center provides health care services to members of the Bay Mills Indian Community and residents of Chippewa County including medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services. It is part of a safety net of providers that offer services at affordable prices for the uninsured and medically underserved.

When patients check in for their appointment at the Bay Mills Health Center, they will be asked if they would like to register to vote. Completing a voter registration application takes just a few minutes, and the Health Center will collect and submit it to the city/township clerk as a courtesy to the patient or community member.

Voter registration forms are also available online at www.michigan.gov/sos and at any Secretary of State office or local clerk's office. To register, individuals must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 years old by election day, and Michigan residents.

Health Center to host open house as part of anniversary

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Health Center will celebrate its 10-year anniversary at its current location in the Ellen Marshall Memorial Building on 12124 West Lakeshore Drive during National Health Center Week with an open house Wednesday, Aug. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The event is open to the public and will include health center tours, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, health promotion displays, voter registration, and refreshments.

The center is operated by the Bay Mills Indian Community but is open to the non-tribal population. It employs over 40 health care and support staff.

The center provides family practice medical services, a full service dental clinic, pharmacy, lab and x-ray services. Behavioral health services include psychiatry, counseling and outpatient substance abuse treatment. Community health services include risk reduction, diet, fitness and diabetes education.

Each year the center provides services to over 2,200 patients with more than 11,000 health care visits. The center accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurances. Low income and uninsured patients may qualify for their sliding fee program, which provides discounts for health services.