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STUPAK ANNOUNCES \$2.1 MILLION GRANT FOR ALCONA HEALTH CENTERS



WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) announced Alcona Health Centers has received a \$2.1 million grant to provide continued and expanded health care services to residents in Alpena, Alcona, Iosco and Emmet Counties. The Health Center grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

“This funding will allow Alcona Health Centers to continue to provide critical health care services, including medical, dental and prescription drug services, to underserved residents in these four counties,” Stupak said. “Health centers will continue to play a crucial role as we work to make sure every American has access to affordable, quality health care and I am pleased the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has recognized the important work being done by Alcona Health Centers in northern Michigan.”

Alcona Health Centers (AHC) provides comprehensive primary care services to target populations, including the uninsured, residents under 200 percent of the poverty level, seniors and Medicaid recipients. The grant will be used to expand outreach to these target populations; expand the dental, behavioral health and pharmacy programs; expand the chronic disease initiatives; initiate anti-obesity programs, especially in the Alcona Elementary School clinic; improve prenatal care; and, enhance the quality of life for the elderly.

Since opening its first clinic in Lincoln in 1978, AHC has expanded to serve Alpena, Alcona, Iosco and Emmet Counties with seven medical clinic sites, two dental clinic sites and in-patient service and is currently serving more than 22,000 patients annually.

HHS Health Center grants support a variety of community-based and patient-directed, public and private non-profit organizations that provide health services to underserved populations across the country. Health Centers, such as Alcona Health Center, improve the health of underserved and vulnerable populations by providing access to comprehensive, quality primary health care services.

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