Did You Know/Primary Care?

Receiving healthcare from Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) saves MONEY and TIME. Benefits of using these FQHCs include:

- Becoming an established patient along with ongoing care for health issues.
- Telehealth appointments can often address needs without an office visit.
- Services are provided on a sliding scale.

FQHCs and affordable clinics in our area include:

- Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care, Inc
- J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care Center
- St. Joseph's Candler/Health Systems – St. Mary's and Good Samaritan Clinic (free clinics)
- Chatham County Health Department-Preventitive health services and specialized HIV services at Chatham Care Center

Did You Know There Are Local Specialty Services?

Providing wide-ranging services including:

- Adult and pediatric dental services
- Behavioral/Mental Health
- Cardiology
- Chronic disease prevention
- COVID-19 testing and vaccines
- HIV/AIDS/PrEP
- Immunization and vaccines
- Optometry
- Pediatric healthcare
- Pharmacy/medication assistance services
- Preventive healthcare
- Sexually transmitted disease prevention (STD)
- Telehealth
- Substance Abuse Disorders and addiction
- Women's health OB/GYN
- X-ray/Ultrasound/3-D Mammography
- Podiatry
- Hepatitis C treatment

Did You Know?

Receiving non-emergency primary health care treatment at local health or free clinics can save you hundreds of dollars in healthcare cost.

Research from United Health Group found that two-thirds of hospital Emergency Room (ER)visits (18 million visits out of 27 million visits) were avoidable.

The study found the 10 common primary treatable conditions frequently treated at hospital ERs were:

- Bronchitis
- Cough
- Dizziness
- Flu
- Headache
- Low Back Pain
- Nausea
- Upper Respiratory Infection
- Strep Throat
- Sore Throat

The cost of an ER visit in Georgia was $1,596.
If you don't have insurance, **you will be expected to pay all** of the emergency room costs.

Call 911 for emergencies that require immediate medical attention!

Call 911 if you experience any of the following symptoms or need immediate medical attention.

- Life-or limb-threatening injury
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Signs of stroke, including sudden numbness, slurred speech, severe headache, weakness on one side of the face or loss of consciousness
- Signs of a heart attack, including chest pain, pain in the left arm or jaw, sudden weakness, or dizziness

Did You Know/Mental Health and Addiction Health Services?

Our community also has behavior/mental health and addiction services that can be used for crisis and non-emergency care.

Those organizations include:

- Gateway Community Service Board (CSB)-Behavioral Health Crisis Center-same day access and psychiatric emergency services (24/7)-2121 Derenne Ave (866) 557-9955
- Recovery Place-Addiction-835 E. 65th (912) 355-1440
- J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care Center-5 Mall Annex (912)495-8887
- Curtis V Cooper Primary Health Care, Inc-106 E.Broad St (912) 527-1000
- Heads Up Guidance Services/HUGS 5 Executive Circle (912)417-4320
- Americanwork, LLC-836 E. 65th St. (912) 354-7077
  Union Mission-120 Fahm St (912)238-2777

"Health is a state of complete mental, social and physical well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."