



# **Important Phone Numbers**

| Medical Appointments       | 303.650.4460 |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Dental Appointments        |              |
| Enrollment Questions       |              |
| Pharmacy Refill Line       | 720.207.0150 |
| Billing Questions          |              |
| Poison Control Center      | 800.222.1222 |
| Emergency Assistance       | 911          |
| Tobacco QuitLine           |              |
| Social Services Assistance | 211          |
| After-hours Care           | 303.650.4460 |

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# **Welcome to Clinica!**

Since 1977, Clinica Family Health has been providing high-quality, affordable health care to people of all ages and backgrounds. Clinica serves the young and old, the employed and unemployed, people of all races, religions, genders and sexual orientations. We're a Federally Qualified Health Center and exist to ensure you get the health care you need at a price you can afford.

Thank you for choosing Clinica. We'll treat you like family.

## Clinica is a Patient-Centered Health Home

## What does that mean for you?

- We are available when you need us with same-day appointments and our after-hours on-call service.
- We care about your personal or family situation and suggest treatment options based on your lifestyle goals.
- Our team answers your questions and helps you better understand your health care needs.
- We provide equal access to health care regardless of your ability to pay.
- We help find potential sources of insurance coverage and try to address any other barriers to your care.
- When services are required at other facilities, Clinica Family Health will help coordinate that care.
- We work with you based on recognized standards (evidence-based guidelines) to provide you with a high level of care and the ability to support your unique health care needs.

# **Your Patient-Centered Care Team**

Our medical and dental staff work in teams to provide you with better care. Each team member has specific skills to ensure we can provide most of your care at the clinic. All teams provide the same services, but each team is identified by a different color so you can tell them apart. We call our teams "pods."

#### Care Team Members Include

- Family Medicine Doctors
- Obstetricians/Gynecologists
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Registered Nurses
- Medical Assistants
- General & Pediatric Dentists

- Dental Hygienists
- Dental Assistants
- Behavioral Health Professionals
- Registered Dietitians
- Clinical Pharmacists
- Case Managers
- Referral Case Managers

# **Our Locations & Hours**

# **Administration**

## **Clinica Support Services**

1735 South Public Rd., Suite 200 Lafayette, CO 80026

**Lafayette Medical &** 

#### **Hours**

Monday - Friday:

8am - 5pm



All administrative services are located on the second floor.



No pharmacy services are available at this site.

### **Medical & Dental**

**Dental Clinic** 

1735 South Public Rd., 1st floor Lafayette, CO 80026

#### **Clinic Hours**

## Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

## Tuesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### **Dental Hours**

### Monday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### **Enrollment Hours**

## Monday - Thursday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1pm

#### Friday:

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1:30pm

# **People's Medical Clinic**

## **Medical & Pharmacy**

2525 13th St. Boulder, CO 80304

#### **Clinic Hours**

## Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

### Tuesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### **Pharmacy Hours**

#### Monday - Friday:

8:30am - 4:30pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm



## **Enrollment Hours**

#### Monday - Thursday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1pm

#### Friday:

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1:30pm

# Pecos Medical & Dental Clinic

## **Medical, Dental & Pharmacy**

1701 W. 72nd Ave. Denver, CO 80221

## Clinic Hours

#### Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

## Tuesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### **Dental Hours**

This location is temporarily closed.



## **Pharmacy Hours**

## Monday - Friday:

8:30am - 4:30pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### **Enrollment Hours**

## Monday:

8 am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1pm

## Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 7pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1pm

## Friday:

8 am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1:30pm

# Thornton Medical & Dental Clinic

## Medical, Dental & Pharmacy

8990 N. Washington St. Thornton, CO 80229

#### **Clinic Hours**

### Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### Tuesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

#### **Dental Hours**

### Monday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

### Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

# **Pharmacy Hours**

#### Monday - Friday:

8:30am - 4:30pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm



#### **Enrollment Hours**

#### Monday & Thursday:

8 am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1pm

#### Tuesday, Wednesday:

8 am - 7pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1pm

#### Friday:

8 am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1:30pm

# **Important Note:**

Hours of operation can change due to various circumstances. Please check our web site for most current hours of operation.

www.clinica.org

# Westminster Medical Clinic

#### Medical

8510 N. Bryant St., Ste. 200 Westminster, CO 80031

#### **Clinic Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

Tuesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm



No pharmacy services are available at this site.

## **Enrollment Hours**

Monday - Thursday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1pm

#### Friday:

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11am - 1:30pm

# **Alpine Medical Clinic**

(Located in the Ryan Wellness Center)

#### Medical

1000 Alpine Ave. Boulder, CO 80304

#### **Clinic Hours**

Monday - Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm



# In Partnership with

Mental Health Partners

# **Gilpin Medical Clinic**

#### Medical

972 Golden Gate Canyon Rd., Ste. 300, Black Hawk, CO 80422

#### **Clinic Hours**

**Tuesday & Friday:** 

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm



No pharmacy services are available at this site.

# **Nederland Medical Clinic**

#### Medical

80 Big Springs Dr. Ste102 P.O. Box 1262 Nederland, CO 80466

#### Monday, Thursday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm **Wednesday:** 

8am - noon

No pharmacy services are available at this site.



Mental Health Partners Hours (non-medical behavioral health)

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:** (walk-ins welcome) 8am – 12pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

**Tuesday and Friday:** (by appointment only) 8am – 12pm; Closed for lunch from 12 - 1pm

# **Clinica Provider Card**

The Clinica Provider Card is a convenient way to find and share information about your primary care provider and other members of your personal care team. The card lists important information, including your provider's name, Clinica's phone number, and how to get support day or night. Clinica Provider Cards are available at the front desk of your clinic.

Please note that your Clinica Provider Card is not an insurance card. Its main purpose is to let other health care providers know how to reach your Clinica provider.



Emergencies......911

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Other medical & dental needs......303.650.4460
Otra ayuda medica o dental......303.650.4460

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Available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week
Disponible 24 horas al dia, 7 dias a la semana.

# **Holidays When Clinica is Closed**

- New Year's Day (January 1)
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (third Monday of January)
- Memorial Day (last Monday of May)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Labor Day (first Monday of September)
- Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday of November)
- Day After Thanksgiving (fourth Friday of November)
- Christmas Break (December 24 & December 25)

# **Unexpected Closures**

On rare occasions, Clinica has to close unexpectedly because of bad weather, power outages or other reasons. We will post information on our web site about when we expect to re-open. Please go to www.clinica.org for updates when we close unexpectedly.

# **ABOUT CLINICA**



# **Services We Offer**

The medical, dental, and behavioral health care your providers offer you is based on the most current and proven practices used in medicine. Please ask us if you have any questions about your treatment plan.

# **Medical Services**

- Preventive care
- Physicals for school, sports, daycare and children's camps
- Physicals/women's wellness exams
- Growth, nutrition and development
- Flu shots and immunizations
- Diagnosis and treatment of illness
- Minor surgery
- Newborn care
- Care for seniors
- Cancer screenings/tests
- Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) physicals (must be a patient for at least 6 months)
- Women's care (gynecology)
- Medication assisted therapy for substance use disorders
- Specialty care coordination and referrals

# **Behavioral Health Services**

- Stress management techniques
- Treatment for mental health conditions
- Treatment for alcohol and opioid use
- Support for patients with medical conditions
- Brief therapy
- Psychiatric consultation
- Support during a crisis
- On-site care at the Alpine and Nederland clinics by Mental Health Partners

# **Patient Services**

- Help applying for health coverage
- Group visits with other patients who share a common health condition

- Nutrition counseling
- Support to guit smoking
- Case management/referrals to nonmedical services such as food banks
- Virtual Care visits for medical, behavioral health, and enrollment services
- Advanced Directives support

# **Pharmacy Services**

- Full-service pharmacies at Pecos, People's, and Thornton clinics.
- Medication assistance and patient education programs
- Clinical pharmacy consultation

# **Pregnancy Services**

- Pregnancy testing
- Prenatal care and delivery services
- Care during and after pregnancy
- Pregnancy and parenting classes
- Family planning and pregnancy prevention

# **Dental Care**

- Preventive care and cleanings
- Care of the gums
- Dental emergencies
- Restorative care (fillings, build ups)
- Root canals
- Dental prosthetics (dentures)
- Dentistry for children

# **Services We Do Not Offer**

- Medical x-rays or imaging services (we do offer dental x-rays)
- Specialty care other than OB/Gyn (see page 22)
- Emergency care (see page 23)

# **Your Rights As Our Patient**

**ACCESS** - We will provide appointments within a reasonable period of time. Discount programs available for individuals based on family size and income. You will not be denied health care services due to your inability to pay.

Clinica Family Health does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, activities, or employment. Clinica will make accommodations when requested to provide care in your preferred language. You may request other reasonable accommodations related to any disability you may have. For further information about this policy and other accommodations and non-discrimination policies of Clinica, refer to our website at www.clinica.org. To contact our 504 Coordinator, call 303-665-3036, ext. 1060, (TDD: 1-800-659-2656) or email to 504Coordinator@clinica.org.

All patients have the right to select their pharmacy of choice, diagnostic imaging and test center(s) and preferred specialist. Patients are under no obligation to use Clinica facilities or our referral partners for any services.

**DIGNITY** - Care is provided in a manner that respects your individuality and dignity. This includes being told by your care givers what your condition is, what treatment they recommend, how they expect your condition to change, and what follow-up care is needed.

**PRIVACY** - All physical exams, interviews and discussions about your health care will occur privately, and your health records will be handled confidentially. Clinica Family Health will handle all of your records in compliance with federal and state privacy laws (HIPAA) and will abide by the terms of this notice.

**EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION -** You have the right to know the names, professional status, and experience of the staff providing your care.

**CONSENT -** Consent for treatment will be requested by our clinical staff before any procedure is performed. The procedure – as well as its value, risks, and other options for treatment – will be explained.

**REFUSAL OF TREATMENT** - You have the right to refuse any care recommended. You have the right to change your mind before undergoing a procedure for which you have already given your consent.

**ACCESS TO RECORDS** - We will provide rapid access to a copy of your medical record once you make a written request. To request records, go to www.clinica.org/patient-information/#current-patients. Complaints about access to your records can be addressed to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. More information is available at www.colorado.gov/cdphe.

**BILLS** - You have a right to an explanation of all charges and discount program adjustments if you qualify for Clinica's discount program.

**FILE A COMPLAINT OR GRIEVANCE** - You have the right to file a complaint if you are not satisfied with any aspect of your care. You can file a complaint using any of the following methods:

- 1. Contact Clinica Family Health at 303-650-4460 and ask to file a complaint.
- Send a complaint or grievance in writing to: Chief Operating Officer

Clinica Family Health

1735 S. Public Road, Ste. 200, Lafayette, CO 80026

3. Contact the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services at www.hhs.gov.

**CHANGE YOUR PROVIDER** - You have the right to request a change of provider or clinic if another qualified provider is available. For information about how to request a change of provider or clinic, contact Clinica's Communication Center at 303-650-4460.

**USE OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION** - Clinica Family Health is permitted to use or disclose your health information for the purposes of treatment, payment, or if the disclosure is required by law and the information released does not include any identifiable information.



# **Your Responsibilities As Our Patient**

**FOLLOW CLINICA RULES** – Behave respectfully toward Clinica Family Health staff as well as other patients. Always dress appropriately in the clinics. Please assist with the control of noise and observe the no smoking policy and all other posted building regulations.

**INFORM US REGARDING YOUR HEALTH** - Please give full and honest information regarding your past and present health information, including any known allergies and/or sensitivities.

**MEDICATION SAFETY** - Please keep and share information on all medications you take, including those from other health care providers, over-the-counter medications and dietary supplements. If you currently take medications, please bring all your medications to each appointment. Many health care mistakes are made because patients don't tell their health care provider about all the medications they take.

**REPORT CHANGES** - Report any changes in your condition, symptoms, and allergies to your provider.

**REPORT EMERGENCIES** - Should you receive emergency care from another health care provider, emergency room, or urgent care center, please contact Clinica during normal business hours as soon as possible to share this information.

**PARTICIPATE IN YOUR OWN HEALTH CARE** - If you do not understand your provider's instructions or have any questions, please ask your provider to explain more clearly or ask that someone else assist in explaining the instructions to you.

**REPORT SAFETY CONCERNS** - We encourage you to help us by reporting any concerns you have about your or your family's safety at Clinica. Report concerns to a staff member or ask to speak to a manager.

**FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS** - Follow the instructions and health care plan that you and your provider have agreed on. Failure to do so may worsen your condition.

**MANAGE YOUR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS** - If indicated by your provider, make arrangements for a responsible adult to provide transportation home from the clinic and remain with you as directed. If you need transportation assistance, please notify a care team member.

**BE ON TIME -** Arrive on time for your appointment.

**CANCEL APPOINTMENTS** - If you are not able to keep a scheduled appointment, you are required to cancel that appointment prior to the scheduled appointment time. We ask that you cancel with as much advanced notice prior as possible so we can offer the appointment to another patient.

**SHOW INSURANCE CARD -** Show all of your insurance cards, including your Health First Colorado (Medicaid) card, at each visit.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION -** Please provide all necessary records as requested.

**FINANCIAL SCREENING** - Complete the enrollment process by bringing all insurance, income and other requested information to the Enrollment Department within 30 days of your first visit or when your health coverage expires.

**PAY BILLS** - Accept personal financial responsibility for any charges not covered by insurance. If eligible, your fees will be adjusted so that they are affordable for you. Please pay all co-pays, visit fees and bills promptly.

# Our Commitment as your Health Care Home

- We will ensure that you see the same provider or care team as often as possible because you will receive better, more affordable and efficient care.
- We will work to build a strong, trusting relationship between you, your primary care provider, care team, and when appropriate, your family.
- Your personal care team will help you set your own health goals and work towards them so that you are empowered to take charge of your own health.

- We will do whatever we can to ensure you have access to the care and information you need, when you need it, in a manner that is comfortable for you.
- We will provide evidencedbased, comprehensive care including preventive, wellness, acute and chronic illness care.
- We'll focus on keeping you well. We do this by seeing you regularly, giving you immunizations and offering you health information.

# Accommodations, Nondiscrimination and Accessibility

Clinica Family Health does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or age. Treatment or participation in our programs, services and activities is open to all patients. Nor do we discriminate in our hiring practices. Clinica will make accommodations to provide care in your preferred language.

For information about this policy and other accommodation and nondiscrimination policies of Clinica, refer to Clinica's website at www.clinica.org or contact our 504 Coordinator:

Phone: 303.665.3036, ext.1060

TDD: 800.659.2656

Email: 504Coordinator@clinica.org

For information on notice of nondiscrimination, please visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services web site:

https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html

For the address and phone number of the office that serves your area call:

800.421.3481.

# **Clinica Family Health Provides:**

- Free aid and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print or other formats).
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages. If you need these services, contact our Communication Center to request assistance at 303.650.4460.

If you believe Clinica has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance with the Civil Rights Coordinator by mail at Civil Rights Coordinator, Clinica Family Health, 1735 S. Public Rd., Lafayette, CO 80026. You may call 303.665.3036, ext. 1060 or (TDD) 800.659.2656. If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You may also file a civil rights compliant with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights at www.orcportal.hhs.gov; or by mail at U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave, SW Room 506F, HHH Building Washington, DC 20201; or by phone at 800.368.1019 or (TDD) 800.537.7697.

# **Other Patient Information**

We want all of our patients, guests, staff and community members to feel comfortable and welcome in our clinics.

- Service animals (dogs and miniature horses) are welcome in all of our facilities. However, no other animals or pets can be brought in to the clinics.
- No weapon of any type is allowed in our clinics even if the owner has a permit. The only exceptions made are for active-duty peace officers.
- We welcome all patients no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity. All patients deserve to be treated with dignity and provided high-quality health care.
- Our patients are people of all ages, from various cultures and many walks of life. We ask all patients to be respectful of each other and our staff by wearing appropriate clothing whenever they are in our clinics.



# **OTHER HEALTH SERVICES**



# **Pharmacy Services**

Clinica participates in a federal prescription program that allows us to offer patients medications that cost much less than they would at a traditional community pharmacy. Any Clinica patient with Medicaid or those on our self-pay plan can utilize our pharmacies. We offer our pharmacy services as a convenience, but you are not required to use them. We will happily send your prescriptions to the pharmacy of your choice.

We do not stock narcotics or other controlled substances. These prescriptions must be filled at an outside pharmacy.

## **Full-service Pharmacies**

Clinica has three full-service pharmacies with a pharmacist on staff to answer your questions. Prescriptions can be filled while you wait or you can call ahead to save time. Our pharmacies are located at the People's, Pecos and Thornton clinics.

# **Prescription Refills**

While we stock many common medications, some prescriptions may need to be filled at an outside pharmacy. For prescription refills at Clinica, please call 720.207.0150. For some medications, automatic refills are available if you opt-in to the program.

# **Prescription Refill Line**

720.207.0150

NOTE: If you call Clinica's refill line, please allow 72 hours for your prescription to be filled.

### **Clinical Pharmacists**

Clinical pharmacists are an important part of your care team. As medication experts, they can work with your provider to start and adjust medications used to treat diabetes, high blood pressure (hypertension) and high cholesterol. They also help manage medicines like blood thinners.

## **Medication Take-Back**

Our Pecos pharmacy can take back medications that you no longer need or that have expired. More information is available from pharmacy staff.

# **Refills vs. Renewals**

Prescriptions for chronic or long-term conditions (diabetes, depression, etc.) can be written for up to 12 months of medicine. Each month when you need more, you are **refilling** your prescription.

Once that 12-month period is up, you will be out of refills and will need to schedule an appointment with your health care provider to **renew** your prescription. This allows your provider to make sure the medication is working and is still necessary.

The label on your medication will tell you how many refills you have left and when your prescription will expire. You can also ask the pharmacy staff.

# **Pharmacy Hours**

# **Pecos Pharmacy**

## **Pecos Pharmacy**

1701 W. 72nd Ave. Denver, CO 80221

For prescription refills, please call **720.207.0150** 

#### **Hours**

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

# People's Pharmacy

## People's Pharmacy

2525 13th St. Boulder, CO 80304

For prescription refills, please call **720.207.0150** 

## Hours

**Monday - Friday:** 8:30am - 4:30pm Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

# **Thornton Pharmacy**

## Thornton Pharmacy

8990 N. Washington St. Thornton, CO 80229

For prescription refills, please call **720.207.0150** 

## **Hours**

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

# Westminster, Lafayette, and Mountain Clinics

The Westminster, Lafayette, Nederland and Gilpin clinics do not currently offer pharmacy services. Patients from these clinics are welcome to use our Pecos, People's or Thornton pharmacies, whichever is most convenient for you. Or you may talk with your health care provider about where to pick up prescriptions.

# **Dental Services**

# **Patient-Centered Dental Home**

Clinica is a patient-centered dental home. That means that we want to take care of all your oral health needs, and if we can't provide the care you need, we will help you get the care you need. Our staff will assure that your dental care is comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated and integrated in the rest of

your health care. At Clinica, you will be assigned to a primary dental provider (PDP) that you will see whenever that person is in the office. By seeing the same PDP at each visit, you will get to know your provider better and will feel more comfortable during dental care.

# At Clinica, basic dental care is part of your primary care visits

Basic dental care is available during your doctor visits as well as in the dental clinic. As with health care, we use a team approach to provide your dental care. Your care team includes a dental hygienist who can:

- · Answer questions about your dental care at home
- Provide fluoride treatments to keep your teeth healthy
- Assess your basic dental health and help set up a dentist appointment if needed

# **High-Quality, Affordable Dental Care**

Our dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants provide children and adults access to current technology and exceptional care. Our board-certified pediatric dental specialists have advanced training to support children and patients with special needs. Our approach is minimally invasive, which means we use the latest technology to

help maintain teeth in their natural and healthiest form.

Dental patients will receive estimated pricing for dental care before each appointment. Clinica's dental program welcomes Medicaid, CHP+ and Cigna. We also offer a discount program and payment plans.

# Dental Care for Children, Pregnant Women, and People with Diabetes

We care about you and know there are points in life when your oral health is especially important. Clinica's dental team will coordinate with your primary care provider to ensure you receive the appropriate care for the following:

#### **Diabetics**

Preventing and treating gum disease in patients with diabetes is very important. Our dental team coordinates care with the patient's doctor to keep them healthy.

# **Pregnant Women**

Women with gum disease are at higher risk for preterm, low birth-weight babies. That's why it's important for women who are pregnant to get regular dental care—for them and their baby's safety.

## Children

Ensuring children have healthy teeth and gums starts early. We're here to help support parents to start good dental health habits that last a lifetime.

# **After-Hours Care**

For urgent needs that occur outside of regular office hours, patients may call:

After-Hours Care Line **303.650.4460** 

# **Preventive and Restorative Dental Care:**

# **Patients of all Ages:**

Exams, cleanings, fillings, root canals, extractions, dental emergencies, and \*dentures and partials. (\*Eligibility criteria apply.)

## **Children Under 12:**

Crowns, root canals on baby teeth, space maintenance, nitrous oxide

sedation and hospital services.

## Services Referred to Dental Providers Outside of Clinica:

Crowns, bridges, implants, cosmetic dentistry, complex extraction and complex root canals, surgical gum treatment and orthodontics.

# **School-Based Dental Care**

Clinica partners with the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) to assure that low-income students have convenient, affordable access to dental care in their schools. Clinica dental team members visit a number of elementary schools to provide screenings, assessment for cavities, fluoride varnishes, sealants, oral health education and referrals and support to connect to a dental office for other services. Visit our web site for more information and a full list of schools we visit.

# **Dental Appointments**

We are accepting new patients at our dental clinics. Appointments are given on a first-come, first-served basis, so there is often a waiting list **except for children**, **pregnant women**, **and people with diabetes**.

# **Dental Emergencies**

We offer appointments each day for dental emergencies such as severe pain, infection or swelling. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The goal of these appointments is to address one urgent issue only, not provide full treatment of the mouth.

# **Dental Clinic Hours and Locations**

We have three centrally located dental clinics to serve you. Because they are a part of your personal health care team, we recommend your dental care occur at the same location as your medical care (when possible). We welcome requests at a dental location most convenient for you.

**Call for Dental Appointments** 

303.650.4460

or www.clinica.org

**Hours for Dental Clinics** 

Monday, Friday:

8am - 5pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8am - 8pm; Closed for Lunch 12 - 1pm

## **Lafayette Dental Clinic**

1735 South Public Rd. Lafayette, CO 80026

#### **Pecos Dental Clinic**

This location is temporarily closed.

#### **Thornton Dental Clinic**

8990 N. Washington St. Thornton, CO 80229





844-493-TALK (8255) Or Text "TALK" to 38255

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# **Behavioral Health Services**

Your physical and emotional health are linked. We believe that care for your body and mind should be linked as well. That's why every Clinica health care team has a behavioral health provider (therapist) with specialized training to help you develop skills to cope with stress, anxiety, sadness, depression, substance use, and other issues that may be negatively impacting your life. What you should know about our behavioral health team:

- Behavioral health providers work side-by-side with your primary care provider.
- They are available for support during your primary care visit and can provide assessment and diagnosis of mental health and substance use conditions as well as short-term therapy.
- After meeting with you PCP, you can make appointments directly with a behavioral health provider.
- Each of our health care teams also has a health coach who will work with you to set goals for improving your health

- and provide links with resources in the community.
- When necessary, we partner with local mental health agencies to refer patients who want or need a higher level of care.
- Clinica also provides medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders.

# **After-Hours Care**

For urgent needs that occur outside of regular office hours, patients may call:

**After-Hours Care Line** 

303.650.4460

# **Referrals to Specialty Care**

Sometimes you may need care or services that we do not provide at Clinica. If that happens we will refer you to an outside specialist. The availability of specialty care is very limited. Sometimes it may not be available to uninsured or under-insured patients. If you see a specialist outside of Clinica, you are responsible for the bill. Please make time to work with the staff in the specialist's office on a payment plan.

# **Group Visits**

In addition to traditional one-on-one appointments, Clinica offers patient care through group visits. A group visit is when 6 to 8 patients with the same health need are seen in a large patient room at the same time. Group visits are offered in English and Spanish. Please note that our group visit schedules have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please talk with your provider for the most current schedules.

# **Benefits of Group Visits**

- Groups are interactive and last longer than traditional appointments.
- You have time to ask questions, share experiences and learn from other patients. Participating in group visits is voluntary, but many patients find them more enjoyable than one-on-one care.
- Instead of meeting in an exam room, group visits take place in larger, more comfortable spaces.
- In addition to your provider, other members of your care team join the groups. You receive all the care you would in an exam room, but you also get to hear from behavioral health professionals, nutritionists, dental hygienists and pharmacists.
- We offer a wide range of group visits. Ask your health care provider for more information if you are interested in participating in a group visit.



# What is a Medical Emergency?

An emergency condition is a medical or mental health problem that is severe enough that it could cause permanent bodily damage or death. **If you think you are experiencing an emergency, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911.** If you are not sure what type of care you need, please call us at 303.650.4460.

# What is an Urgent Need?

An urgent care need is one that requires prompt medical attention (usually within 24 to 48 hours), but is not an emergency condition.

Examples: minor injury, sore throat, congestion/stuffy sinus, earache, cough, fever, backache, frequent urination or burning when urinating, etc.

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After-Hours Care Line **303.650.4460** 

# **Hospitals that Work Closely with Clinica**

Clinica providers treat hospitalized patients at Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville. Clinica providers also work closely with staff at St. Anthony North Hospital in Westminster to care for Clinica patients. Once you are discharged, Clinica staff will help you reconnect with your primary care provider and assure that your provider has complete information about your hospital stay.



# AdventHealth Avista 100 Health Park Drive Louisville, CO 80027 303.673.1000

# **Hospital Bills**

Hospital care is separate from the care you receive at Clinica. If you are seen at a hospital, you are responsible for any hospital bill you receive. Be sure to make time to work with the hospital on a payment plan. Some hospitals



# **St. Anthony North Hospital** 14300 Orchard Parkway Westminster, CO 80023 720.627.0000

provide financial assistance to low-income individuals. Talk with a hospital representative about financial assistance, discounted care or payment plans for hospital charges.

# Appointments, Payments, Enrollment Services, Feedback & Medical Records

# **PATIENT SERVICES**



# **Your Appointments**

# To make an appointment, call 303.650.4460 or go to www.clinica.org/my appointments

- To see your health provider, dentist or other care team member at Clinica Family Health, please make an appointment.
- Our Communication Center schedules all medical, dental, and mental health.
- Come to your visit on time. If you arrive after your scheduled appointment time, we may need to reschedule your visit.
- We strive to provide same-day access in our clinics. When possible, same-day appointments will be scheduled by Clinica's Communication Center.
   When same-day capacity is full, the nurse at your clinic location will work with your care team to determine how your needs can be met.
- In order to see all of our patients and stay on time, we must limit appointments to 20 minutes. You might need multiple appointments to meet your needs.

# **Canceling or Rescheduling Your Appointment**

If you can't keep or want to reschedule your appointment, please let us know as soon as possible. There is never a penalty or charge for canceling your appointment. You can cancel your appointment in several ways:

Call - Cancel your appointment by calling 303-650-4460 and choosing option 4

**Text** – Reply "no" when you receive your text appointment reminder

**Click** – Go to www.clinica.org and click on "My Appointments"

- Please cancel at least 24 hours in advance so we can offer the appointment to another patient. However, you can cancel up until your appointment time.
- If life issues such as transportion keep you from your appointments, please call us at 303-650-4460 and ask to speak to a case manager at your clinic. In some cases, we can help with these situations. Please give us five days to make arrangements.

# **Important Information about Appointments**

Family members are allowed to make, confirm, reschedule and cancel appointments for other family members. Please let us know if you would like to place limitations on your account.

We encourage you to connect with a primary care provider (PCP). A PCP is your health care provider at Clinica who you will see as often as possible. Seeing someone who knows your story can save you time, improve your care experience, and improve your overall health. Please schedule appointments with your PCP as often as possible.

# When To Call Us

## Please call us for help with:

- Scheduling or canceling an appointment. (We also suggest www.clinica.org for faster service to schedule with your PCP.)
- Questions about medications or your treatment plan. - choose option 8
- Leaving a message for someone on your care team. (May take up to 72 hours.)
- Billing issues choose option 5



Appointments, Refills & Questions 303.650.4460

# **Communication Center**

Clinica has a Communication Center with staff who are specially trained to:

- Answer your questions
- Make or cancel appointments for each clinic location
- Put you in touch with a nurse if necessary



**Communications Center Hours** 

Monday, Friday: 8am - 4:15pm

# **Advanced Directives**

We want to support you through all of the stages of your life, including the difficult ones. You can create a document that tells your family and friends what medical treatment you want or don't want if you can't make your wishes known. This document is called Advanced Directives. You will receive the forms to create Advanced Directives in your new patient packet. If you already have Advanced Directives, you can provide them to us and we'll include them in your chart. You do not have to complete Advanced Directives to be a Clinica patient. Talk with your provider if you have questions.

# **Health Coverage Programs**

Clinica has many ways to help make your health care affordable. Our enrollment specialists can help. All Clinica patients must complete an annual enrollment meeting to determine which payment programs is best for you and your family.

# Health First Colorado & CHP+ (Medicaid)

Health First Colorado (Medicaid) and Child Health Plan+ (CHP+) are public health insurance programs provided by the State of Colorado. Clinica is a Certified Application Assistance Site and can help you complete applications for these programs. We will also send you an application.

# **Self-Pay**

If your income is above 250% of the federal poverty level and you do not qualify for any of the above plans, you will be a "self-pay" patient. That means you will be responsible for payment of all services received at the full fee (medical, dental, behavioral health, lab services, pharmacy, etc.).

## **Private Insurance**

Clinica accepts many types of private insurance and many insurance plans offered through the Connect For Health Colorado marketplace.

We will bill your private insurance for all charges. If you have a high deductible or co-payment, you may be eligible for the Clinica's discount plan, which you can use to cover all or part of your balance.

## **Clinica Discount**

Clinica's discount plan is based on family size and income. It is for patients with incomes at or below 250% of the federal poverty level. Our discount plan covers medical, dental, and behavioral health services received at

Clinica. You do not have to prove that you are a Colorado resident to qualify for the program. Clinica discount is not health insurance and may not be accepted outside of Clinica. Clinica is not responsible for the cost of care you receive outside of our facilities.

# Medicare & Medicare Advantage

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people 65 or older and younger people receiving Social Security benefits. The program helps with the cost of health care but doesn't cover all expenses. County agencies can help with Medicare applications.



# **Getting Enrolled at Clinica**

Clinica Family Health is here to provide the care you and your family need, no matter your ability to pay. We are a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). If you do not have health insurance, the first step is for you to meet with an Enrollment Specialist to determine which payment program you and your family qualify for or how much you will pay on Clinica's discount program. Because your financial situation can change, we require patients to update their financial assistance eligibility every year.

# No Appointment Needed

We have enrollment specialists at most clinics, ready to help you. You do not need to schedue an appointment to meet with an enrollment specialist.

 Walk in hours are available at several locations. See pg 29.

# **Documents Needed for Your Enrollment Meeting**

Bring all necessary documents to your meeting. We will not be able to determine what assistance you qualify for if you do not bring the necessary documents. Please come prepared for your enrollment appointment with all required documentation.

# IMPORTANT: You must bring original documents. Please do not bring photos, photocopies or electronic scans of documents.

- Identification cards:
  - · Picture ID for all applicants
  - Legal Permanent Resident card if resident of the United States.
  - Work permit or passport
  - Social Security numbers for all family members
- Proof of address under patient's name such as electric or water bill for previous month.
- Insurance, Medicaid or Medicare card (if applicable).
- Proof of unearned income such as Child support, SSI, DSSI and/or unemployment.
- If pregnant, expected delivery date.

- Children under 18: birth certificate, Colorado identification, passport or school ID (if applicable).
- All check stubs from previous month or signed/dated letter from employer stating hours worked per week, pay per hour, if you're paid weekly or bi-weekly and last month's gross income.
- If living with someone else, bring a signed/dated letter from the person you live with. Include address, phone number and date you moved in. Bring a utility bill for the previous or current month from person writing the letter.
- If self-employed: last month's business ledger showing earnings and expenses for the month.

# **Enrollment Hours**

# **Lafayette Clinic**

1735 South Public Rd. Lafayette, CO 80026

#### **HOURS**

Monday - Thursday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1pm

Friday:

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1:30pm

# People's Clinic (Boulder)

2525 13th Ave., 2nd Floor Boulder, CO 80304

## **HOURS**

Monday - Thursday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1pm

Friday:

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1:30pm

## **Westminster Clinic**

8510 N. Bryant Street, 2nd Floor Westminster, CO 80031

#### **HOURS**

Monday - Thursday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1pm

Friday:

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1:30pm

## **Thornton Clinic**

8990 N. Washington St. Thornton, CO 80229

#### **HOURS**

Monday & Thursday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1pm

Tuesday & Wednesday:

8am - 7pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1:00pm

Friday

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for lunch 11 - 1:30pm

## **Pecos Clinic**

1701 W. 72nd Ave. Denver, CO 80221

## **HOURS**

Monday:

8am - 4pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1pm

Tuesday - Thursday:

8am - 7pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1pm

Friday:

8am - 3:30pm; Closed for Lunch 11 - 1:30pm

# **Medical Records**

You have the right to request a copy of all or a portion of your medical records at any time.

We are only allowed to release your Clinica records to you or someone you designate.

If you want to obtain a copy of your medical records, you will need to complete our Authorization For Release of Medical Information form, also

known as a Release of Information form (ROI).

You may obtain one of these forms at your clinic or at clinica.org. You can submit an electronic request for a copy of your physical, immunization record or lab results via clinica.org.

Note: processing a Release of Medical Information request may take up to 30 business days.

# **Billing Department**

# **Billing Statements**

Patients with an outstanding balance will receive a statement from Clinica.

# **Making Payments**

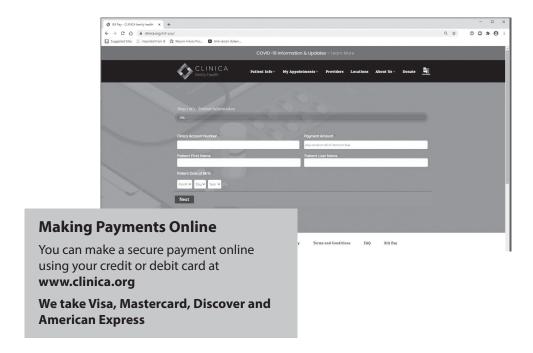
Patients can make payments with a credit or debit card on our secure website at **www.clinica.org** or by calling **303.827.7102.** 

# **Payment Plans**

We offer payment plans with no fees. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please call us at **303.650.4460**.

# **How to Pay**

Clinica accepts cash, VISA, Mastercard, American Express and Discover for payment of bills. Please ask our staff if you have any questions about making payments.



**Questions About Bills:** 

303.827.7102

# **Patient Experience Feedback**

We care about your experience at Clinica!

Your feedback is vital in helping us improve the patient experience. If you would like to share positive or negative comments, suggestions, or concerns, you can do so in several ways.

Scan the QR code located at the entrance of each of our clinics, pharmacies or enrollment offices. You can also complete a feedback form on our website. Go to www.clinica. org/patient info/your feedback. The form will be reviewed by a senior member of our staff and, if follow-up is requested, a staff person will attempt to reach you within 72 business hours of submitting the form.

Complete the post-visit survey. The day after you are seen in our medical or dental clinics, you may receive a link to a short survey that will let you give us feedback about your experience.

**Join the Patient Voice Advisory Group.** You can volunteer to join our Patient Voice Advisory Group. Advisors

If you are unable to submit feedback electronically, paper copies of the Patient Experience Form are available upon request at all clinic locations. You can also call the Communication Center to share your feedback.

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give us feedback on topics that matter the most to them or their families. Opportunities to provide feedback are available in both English and Spanish. If you are interested, ask a staff member for more information.

Answer the Patient Experience Survey. Once a year, you may receive a link to a survey that will allow you to give us feedback on your experience

give us feedback on your experience at Clinica during the last six months. If you receive this invitation, we encourage you to complete the survey.

We want to hear from you! Thank you for helping us make Clinica Family Health a better community health center.

Tell us about your experience experiencia

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Health Information, BMI Scale, Blood Pressure Table, Health Goals & Making the Most of Your Health Care Appointment

# YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH RECORD



# **My Health Information**

| Date | Body Mass<br>Index (BMI) | Blood<br>Pressure | Pulse | Total<br>Cholesterol | HDL (good<br>cholesterol) | LDL (bad<br>cholesterol) | Blood Sugar |
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# **Body Mass Index (BMI)**

| BMI    | 19               | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25         | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29    | 30  | 31  | 32  | 33  | 34  | 35  |
|--------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Height | Weight in pounds |     |     |     |     |     |            |     |     |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 4′10″  | 91               | 96  | 100 | 105 | 110 | 115 | 119        | 124 | 129 | 134 | 138   | 143 | 148 | 153 | 158 | 162 | 167 |
| 4'11"  | 94               | 99  | 104 | 109 | 114 | 119 | 124        | 128 | 133 | 138 | 143   | 148 | 153 | 158 | 163 | 168 | 173 |
| 5′     | 97               | 102 | 107 | 112 | 118 | 123 | 128        | 133 | 138 | 143 | 148   | 153 | 158 | 163 | 168 | 174 | 179 |
| 5′1″   | 100              | 106 | 111 | 116 | 122 | 127 | 132        | 137 | 143 | 148 | 153   | 158 | 164 | 169 | 174 | 180 | 185 |
| 5′2″   | 104              | 109 | 115 | 120 | 126 | 131 | 136        | 142 | 147 | 153 | 158   | 164 | 169 | 175 | 180 | 186 | 191 |
| 5′3″   | 107              | 113 | 118 | 124 | 130 | 135 | 141        | 146 | 152 | 158 | 163   | 169 | 175 | 180 | 186 | 191 | 197 |
| 5'4"   | 110              | 116 | 122 | 128 | 134 | 140 | 145        | 151 | 157 | 163 | 169   | 174 | 180 | 186 | 192 | 197 | 204 |
| 5′5″   | 114              | 120 | 126 | 132 | 138 | 144 | 150        | 156 | 162 | 168 | 174   | 180 | 186 | 192 | 198 | 204 | 210 |
| 5'6"   | 118              | 124 | 130 | 136 | 142 | 148 | 155        | 161 | 167 | 173 | 179   | 186 | 192 | 198 | 204 | 210 | 216 |
| 5′7″   | 121              | 127 | 134 | 140 | 146 | 153 | 159        | 166 | 172 | 178 | 185   | 191 | 198 | 204 | 211 | 217 | 223 |
| 5′8″   | 125              | 131 | 138 | 144 | 151 | 158 | 164        | 171 | 177 | 184 | 190   | 197 | 203 | 210 | 216 | 223 | 230 |
| 5′9″   | 128              | 135 | 142 | 149 | 155 | 162 | 169        | 176 | 182 | 189 | 196   | 203 | 209 | 216 | 223 | 230 | 236 |
| 5′10″  | 132              | 139 | 146 | 153 | 160 | 167 | 174        | 181 | 188 | 195 | 202   | 209 | 216 | 222 | 229 | 236 | 243 |
| 5′11″  | 136              | 143 | 150 | 157 | 165 | 172 | 179        | 186 | 193 | 200 | 208   | 215 | 222 | 229 | 236 | 243 | 250 |
| 6′     | 140              | 147 | 154 | 162 | 169 | 177 | 184        | 191 | 199 | 206 | 213   | 221 | 228 | 235 | 242 | 250 | 258 |
| 6'1"   | 144              | 151 | 159 | 166 | 174 | 182 | 189        | 197 | 204 | 212 | 219   | 227 | 235 | 242 | 250 | 257 | 265 |
| 6'2"   | 143              | 155 | 163 | 171 | 179 | 186 | 194        | 202 | 210 | 218 | 225   | 233 | 241 | 249 | 256 | 264 | 272 |
| 6'3"   | 152              | 160 | 168 | 176 | 184 | 192 | 200        | 208 | 216 | 224 | 232   | 240 | 248 | 256 | 264 | 272 | 279 |
|        | Healthy weight   |     |     |     |     |     | Overweight |     |     |     | Obese |     |     |     |     |     |     |

Underweight: BMI is less than 18.5; Adults: 18.5 - 24.9 normal; 25 - 29.9 overweight; over 30 obese.

# **Blood Pressure**

| Top number<br>(systolic) | And/or | Bottom<br>number<br>(diastolic) | Your category*                                 | What to do   |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Below 120                | and    | Below 80                        | Normal blood pressure                          | Maintain or adopt a healthy lifestyle.   |
| 120-129                  | and    | Below 80                        | Elevated                                       | Maintain or adopt a healthy lifestyle.   |
| 130-139                  | or     | 80-89                           | Stage 1 high<br>blood pressure<br>hypertension | Maintain or adopt a healthy lifestyle.<br>Talk to your doctor about taking<br>one or more medications. |
| 140 or higher            | or     | 90 or<br>higher                 | Stage 2 high<br>blood pressure<br>hypertension | Maintain or adopt a healthy lifestyle.<br>Talk to your doctor about taking<br>one or more medications  |

Ranges may be lower for children and teenagers. Talk to your child's doctor if you're concerned your child has high blood pressure. These recommendations address high blood pressure as a single health condition. If you also have heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease or certain other conditions, you may need to treat your blood pressure more aggressively.

# Making the Most of Your Health Care Appointment

You can make sure you get the best possible care by being an active member of your health care team. Being involved means being prepared and asking questions.

Asking questions about your diagnosis, treatment, and medicine can also improve the quality, safety, and effectiveness of your health care.

Asking questions will help you to make the most of your time with your doctor and health care team.

# **Before Your Appointment**

- Think about what you want to do during your next visit:
  - Talk about a health problem?
  - Get or change a medicine?
  - Get medical tests?
  - Talk about surgery or treatment options?

Write down your questions to bring to your appointment. The answers can help you make better decisions, get good care and feel better about your health care.

# **During Your Appointment**

During your appointment, ask the questions you prepared. Start by asking the ones that are most important to you.

To get the most from your visit, tell the nurse or person at the front desk that you have questions for your doctor.

If your doctor does not ask you if you have questions, ask your doctor when the best time would be to ask them.

# **Asking Questions is Important**

It's also important to make sure you hear—and understand—the answers you get from your doctor!

**Take notes.** If you don't understand or are confused, ask your doctor to explain again.

# Questions to Ask During Your Appointment:

Here are some questions you may want to ask if your doctor gives you a diagnosis, recommends a treatment or orders a prescription for you:

- What is my diagnosis?
- What are my treatment options?
   What are the benefits of each option?
- What are the side effects?
- Will I need a test? What is the test for? What will the results tell me?
- What will the medicine you are prescribing do? How do I take it?
- Are there any side effects?
- Why do I need surgery? Are there other ways to treat my condition?
- How often do you perform this surgery?
- Do I need to change my daily routine?

Find out what you are to do next. Ask for written instructions, brochures, videos or websites that may help you learn more.



# **After Your Appointment**

After you meet with your doctor, you will need to follow his or her instructions to keep your health on track.

Your doctor or provider may have you fill a prescription or make another appointment for tests, lab work, or a follow-up visit.

It's important for you to follow your doctor's instructions. And it's important to call your doctor if you are unclear about any instructions or have more questions.

# When to Call Your Doctor

There are other times when you should follow up on your care and call your doctor.

## **Call Your Doctor If:**

- You experience any side effects or other problems with your medicines.
- Your symptoms get worse after seeing the doctor.
- You receive any new prescriptions or start taking any over-the-counter medicines.
- You need to ask about test results you do not understand.

# Your Doctor's Answers to Your Questions Can Help You:

- Make better decisions
- Receive a higher level of care
- · Avoid medical harm
- Feel better about your health care

## Remember:

Your questions help your doctor and health care team learn more about you, your needs and how to better care for you.

# 10 Important Questions About Tests, Procedures or Surgery:

- 1. What is the test for?
- 2. How many times have you done this procedure?
- 3. When will I get the results?
- 4. Why do I need this treatment?
- 5. Are there any alternatives?
- 6. What are the possible complications?
- 7. Which hospital is best for my needs?
- 8. How do you spell the name of that medicine?
- 9. Are there any side effects?
- 10. Will this medicine interact with medicines that I'm already taking?

Source: "Before Your Appointment: Questions Are the Answer." September 2012. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD

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