



ALABAMA PUBLIC HEALTH

GUIDE TO SERVICES



Regular medical care can prevent many health problems and save unnecessary loss of life, productivity, and money. The good news in health today is you are in control. The Alabama Department of Public Health works closely with the community to protect the public’s health and provide caring, quality services for individuals and their families. We hope you use the services listed in this guide to help us put wellness to work for Alabama. The following services are provided by Public Health.

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*Making Appointments Can Help Us Save You Some **Waiting Time.***

When visiting your county health department, you’ll help us save you some waiting time if you make an appointment. While making the appointment, ask if you need to bring any information with you.

ALABAMA BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM

- Free breast and cervical cancer screening is provided to women age 40-64 who are uninsured or underinsured and whose income is at or below 250 percent of poverty level.
- Screening includes breast examination and mammogram, pelvic exam, and Pap/HPV test. If appropriate, free diagnostic testing is also provided.
- All counties are participating in the program. For more information, call toll free 877-252-3324.
- For women diagnosed with cancer through the ABCCEDP, treatment services may be available through Medicaid.

ALABAMA BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM

- Free treatment for breast or cervical cancer is provided to women under age 64 who are uninsured and whose income is at or below 250 percent of the poverty level. Treatment is provided through Medicaid. Diagnosis must be determined through a biopsy. For more information, call 334-206-2976.
- All counties are participating in the program. For more information, call toll free 1-877-252-3324.

ALABAMA CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM (ACLPPP)

- Coordinates lead poisoning prevention services including case management, medical appointments, and blood lead testing and monitoring. This also includes free environmental lead hazard surveys, when certain clinical criteria are met, to test the home for lead.
- Provides family education to identify and eliminate lead exposure for children with reported blood lead laboratory results. This often includes at least one home visit.
- Provides lead poisoning prevention education to health care professionals, families, and communities through professional conferences, targeted trainings, and community events.
- For additional information, call toll free 833-667-1495.

CHILD HEALTH

Newborn Screening Program

- Alabama law requires all newborns be screened for 31 primary disorders including phenylketonuria (PKU), congenital hypothyroidism, sickle cell disease, galactosemia, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, biotinidase deficiency, cystic fibrosis, severe combined immunodeficiencies, hearing loss, critical congenital heart disease, and a panel of metabolic disorders which includes amino, fatty, and organic acid disorders.
- Early identification and treatment of infants affected with certain genetic or metabolic conditions can prevent premature death and reduce morbidity, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities.
- Newborn screening services include the following: the bloodspot screening to detect life-threatening disorders; the newborn hearing screening to detect hearing loss; and the

pulse oximetry screening to detect critical congenital heart disease. Newborn screening should be ordered and performed before the baby leaves the hospital.

- Newborn screening follow-up requires close coordination among the various components of the screening program: the hospital of birth, the state laboratory, the infant’s family and physician, community service agencies, and specialists at an appropriate diagnostic and treatment center who oversee long-term treatment and monitoring.

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program

- Administers grants to community based organizations to implement programming to reduce the rate of pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease infections among Alabama’s teens.
- Promotes positive youth development through provision of resources and partnership with other youth serving agencies throughout the state.
- Provides access, via the program’s Web site, to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s School Health Index. This access makes resources available on topics such as health and safety activities for children, reproductive health, and state data, including youth risk behavior study results.

CLINICAL NURSING SERVICES

- Patient care in county health departments in Alabama is provided by registered nurses and nurse practitioners with the support of licensed practical nurses and nursing assistants. Services provided include family planning, vaccines, sexually transmitted disease, and tuberculosis screening and treatment, other screenings such as those for children needing early intervention, and referral to other medical services including mammograms. Nurses may also provide screenings and health education at community events.

DENTAL SERVICES/HEALTH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY FLUORIDATION PROGRAMS

- Information on the following programs may be obtained by contacting the Oral Health Branch in Montgomery at 334-206-5675. School dental health education programs, tobacco prevention programs, oral health screening and survey programs, and other dental programs are available for qualifying schools and facilities. Continuing education presentations are provided for nurses, nursing home staff, dental professionals, and other groups. Information regarding the state community water fluoridation program and a downloadable version of [Alabama Water Fluoridation: A Community Toolkit](#) are also available. Information regarding the *Share Your Smile With Alabama* annual smile contest is available as well.
- Click on “Oral Health” at the ADPH Web site for a list of dental clinics located throughout the state or contact the Oral Health Branch at the number listed above for assistance in locating a dental clinic nearest you.
- The Office of Oral Health actively provides awareness and educational opportunities regarding HPV and the newly FDA-approved HPV vaccine for prevention of certain types of oral and oropharyngeal cancers through its nationally recognized #WATCHYOURMOUTH campaign.

Healthy Child Care Alabama

- Program promotes safe, healthy child care environments for all children, including those with special needs, and provides health, nutrition, and safety education for children, their families, and child care providers. Free services include the following:
 - On-site consultation and assessment of the health and safety risks in child care.
 - Linkage of children, families, and child care providers with community health resources.
 - Assistance with the professional development of child care providers.
 - Provision of health and safety information and training – such as CPR and first aid.
 - Advocacy to promote quality child care in the community.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) BY AMBULANCE PROVIDERS

All calls on the quality of EMS services will be referred to the Office of Emergency Medical Services in Montgomery at 334-206-5383.

FAMILY PLANNING

The Family Planning Program promotes the well-being of families, responsible behavior, and healthy mothers. Our goal is to prevent unintended pregnancies through education and contraceptive services, allowing for the planning and timing of pregnancies. All services are confidential and may be available for free or at a reduced cost. Call 1-800-654-1385 or contact your local county health department.

- Physical exam (including a medical history, pap smear, clinical breast exam, and height, weight, and blood pressure check)
- Family planning counseling and education on all contraceptive methods
- Testing for pregnancy, HIV, and STD
- Birth control supplies
- Sterilization (including counseling, education, and referral)
- Preconception counseling (planning your pregnancy)
- Care coordination for some clients
- HPV vaccines
- Colposcopy clinics
- In-person visits and telehealth visits are available in all local health departments
- All services are confidential.

HIV/AIDS

- Alabama Drug Assistance Program: HIV medication assistance.
- HIV/AIDS brochure distribution program.
- HIV/AIDS statistical data.
- HIV prevention network groups.

- Technical assistance for collaborative partnerships.
- HIV and pregnancy information and consultation.
- Grants and proposal opportunities.

WELL WOMAN

The Well Woman Program offers various services to promote healthy living, prevention and early detection of disease to increase longevity and quality of life for women ages 15-55 in Alabama. These services include preconception and/or interconception health planning; cardiovascular disease risk factor screenings; risk reduction counseling to help women understand their risks and discuss the participant's readiness to embrace healthier behaviors; health coaching and support to help women discover healthy lifestyle behaviors to prevent, minimize, or delay the onset of chronic disease; vision screening; and oral screening. The program also offers nutrition classes, support groups, and physical activity resources to help meet goals and reinforce knowledge gained to sustain a healthier lifestyle.

Well Woman is currently available in the following Alabama counties: Barbour, Butler, Dallas, Henry, Macon, Marengo, Montgomery, Russell, and Wilcox. To enroll, women must be between the ages of 15-55 and reside in a county providing services in the Well Woman Program. For more information visit alabamapublichealth.gov/womenshealth/well-woman or contact the county health department.

HOME CARE SERVICES

- The department offers home care services through our home care programs.
- Skilled nursing, physical therapy, medical social work, and home health aide services are available statewide through the department's 23 Medicare-certified home health agencies. Skilled nursing includes education on disease processes, medication management, wound care, IV/infusions, lab, Foley catheter, and a variety of other skilled care services.

We are a provider of a remote patient monitoring program for patients covered under Medicaid who are diagnosed with at least one or combination of diabetes management, congestive heart failure, or hypertension.

- Medicare, Medicaid, and other forms of insurance are accepted for home health services. Skilled nursing care is provided to pediatric patients covered by Medicaid, ALL Kids, and most private insurance.
- For home care referral information, contact your doctor's office. Call your local county health department for more information about home care services.

IMMUNIZATION

- Childhood Vaccines: All vaccines required for day care, Head Start, and school attendance are administered at each county health department. An up-to-date Alabama Certificate of Immunization (COI) is required for entry into these institutions and is available at each county health department. Pneumococcal and influenza vaccines are administered at most county health departments.

- **Adult Vaccines:** Routine booster doses of some vaccines are available at each county health department. Pneumococcal and influenza vaccines are administered at most county health departments.
- **International Travel:** Vaccines needed for travel outside the United States are available at only a few county health departments. Please call your local county health department to locate a clinic near you, or visit the ADPH Web site at alabamapublichealth.gov for a list of international travel clinic sites.

INFECTION CONTROL

Information and consultation regarding infection control procedures, infectious diseases, Alabama's Infected Health Care Workers Act, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations may be obtained by contacting the Infectious Diseases & Outbreaks Division at 334-206-5971.

LABORATORY

The Bureau of Clinical Laboratories (BCL) consists of laboratories located in Montgomery and Mobile. The BCL provides quality laboratory results for Alabama citizens in support for the following ADPH programs: maternity, family planning, child health, STD, tuberculosis control, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, newborn screening, infectious diseases and outbreaks, and environmental services. Some areas of testing performed by the BCL include lead screening, chemical terrorism, bioterrorism, food testing, parasitology, tuberculosis, fungal identifications, emerging infectious diseases, newborn screening, STD, water quality, dairy, shellfish, rabies, recreational water, and a host of other tests.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs)

- Confidential testing, treatment, counseling, partner referral, and epidemiologist investigations for most sexually transmitted diseases.
- Reduction of syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and HIV infections and related sequelae.
- Public education and consulting by trained public health officials.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Public Health Social Work staff serve as members of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals, skilled in using social work values, knowledge, and community resources to promote positive health outcomes, while respecting personal choice and promoting the health and well-being of individuals, groups, and communities. Social workers act as liaisons within their respective communities, educating and advocating for changes to improve poor outcomes related to social determinants of health. Social workers provide direct service to a multitude of Alabamians in a variety of settings and programs within the department including Alabama Sexual Risk Avoidance Education, Alabama Personal Responsibility Education Program, ALL Babies, CHIP, COVID-19 Response and Education, DHR/EHS, Diabetes Self-Education, Elevated Lead, Emergency Preparedness, Family Planning, HIV

Care Coordination, Home Health, Licensure and Certification, Minority Health, Newborn Screening Care Coordination, Newborn Hearing Screening Care Coordination, Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), STD, Suicide Prevention, Telehealth, TB, Tobacco Prevention, Well Woman, and WISEWOMAN programs.

STATE PERINATAL PROGRAM

- The mission of the State Perinatal Program is to work collaboratively with providers, partners, and institutions to identify and provide recommended strategies that advance the improvement of quality perinatal healthcare through community awareness and education with the goal of reducing maternal, fetal, and infant morbidity and mortality.
- The purpose of the Alabama Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Program is to understand the social, economic, health, educational, environmental, and safety issues that contribute to fetal and infant loss on a local level. The goal is to enhance the health and well-being of women, infants, and their families through improved community resources and service delivery systems.
- The Alabama Maternal Mortality Review Program is an ongoing quality improvement cycle by which a multidisciplinary committee at the state level identify and review cases of maternal death that occur during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy to analyze data, disseminate aggregate findings, and promote evidence-based interventions to improve the well-being of child-bearing age women, their infants and families.

TUBERCULOSIS

Testing, medication, physician services, hospitalization, epidemiologic investigations, and laboratory services for those with known or suspected TB disease and those who are contacts to people diagnosed with TB disease.

WIC - SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN

- WIC serves to safeguard the health of low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, education on healthy eating, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to health care.
- Eligibility is based on household income and identification of a nutritional risk that could improve with proper nutrition. WIC applicants receiving Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (commonly known as food stamps), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) automatically meet the income requirements.
- Nutritious foods are purchased using an eWIC card at authorized grocery stores.
- For more program information or to locate WIC clinics throughout the state, click on “Women, Infants & Children (WIC)” at the ADPH website, download our free Alabama WIC app, or call toll free 888-WIC-HOPE (888-942-4673).

The Alabama Department of Public Health ensures standards in environmental health and service areas to protect the public from the spread of disease. These health protection activities include providing public information, professional training and certification, permitting, inspections, complaint investigations, and health regulation enforcement in several areas, including the following:

FOOD AND LODGING PROTECTION

- Questions about food quality and safety are handled by county health department environmentalists. Reports of illness caused by food may also be made by filling out a Foodborne Illness Complaint Form on the department website. Establishments inspected include restaurants, convenience stores, grocery stores, school cafeterias, catering services, jail/prison food services, mobile food service units (food trucks), and temporary food services for fairs and festivals.
- Lodging protection includes hotels/motels, camps, and jails/prisons.

Body art/tattoo facilities

- Annual permits are required to perform body art services.

Inspections and questions concerning sanitation in these facilities are handled by county health department environmentalists.

MILK AND FOOD PROCESSING BRANCH PROGRAMS

- Regulates all Interstate Milk Shipment requirements involving the state of Alabama. Regulates all frozen dessert processors as well as cheese, butter producers, and single service container manufacturers. Issues permits for operation of milk, milk products, and frozen dessert manufacturers; and enforces sanitation standards in accordance with state and federal laws through direct regulatory involvement in the production, shipping, manufacture, and retail distribution of these products.
- Inspects food processing facilities using federal Food and Drug Administration standards. Also, provides education and support for local environmentalists regarding food processing.
- Provides citizens with information regarding the milk and food processing regulatory requirements and health-related concerns and questions. For more information, please call 334-206-5375.

SEAFOOD BRANCH PROGRAMS

- Regulates shellfish (oyster) processors, seafood, and blue crab processors. Collects water samples from oyster harvest areas in Mobile Bay for bacterial analysis.
- Provides citizens with information regarding Alabama seafood, oysters, and water sampling conducted in Mobile Bay. The Seafood Branch is based in Mobile. For more information, please call 251-433-2428.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY/LEAD/ASBESTOS/ MOLD PROGRAMS

The Indoor Lead Program

- 1 Certifies contractors or firms who perform lead-based paint inspections, risk assessments, design projects, conducts abatement activities, issues lead abatement and renovation project permits, and enforces work practice standards and regulations for these activities.
- 2 Performs environmental lead hazard surveys in the homes of children diagnosed with elevated lead blood levels and ensures that further medical treatment or case management is undertaken.
- 3 Provides citizens with information regarding indoor air quality, and mold. For more information, please call 800-819-7644 or 334-206-5373.
- 4 In collaboration with UA Safe State, the Alabama Department of Public Health is responsible for Asbestos Hazards Emergency Response compliance monitoring at schools in Alabama.

Mission: To assist local education agencies with technical resources, compliance assistance, and training to help manage asbestos in Alabama schools.

Insect and Animal Nuisances that Can Transmit Disease to Humans

These are known as vectors and include bats, rodents, birds, fleas, mosquitoes, and ticks. Environmentalists provide information on ways to reduce the risk of disease transmission from vectors, as well as general control recommendations. Animal bites must be reported to your county health department environmentalist for investigation regarding rabies prevention and control. For questions concerning vectors, contact your county environmentalist or call 334-206-5969.

Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems

The Health Department regulates onsite sewage disposal systems to include septic tanks, disposal fields, and other treatment methods for housing and establishments that don't have access to sanitary sewer. Contact your county health department environmentalist before you buy property that will require an onsite system.

- 1 Soil professionals such as professional engineers, professional land surveyors, professional soil classifiers, and professional geologists can provide site evaluations for an onsite sewage system.
- 2 A listing of licensed septic installers and pumpers is available on the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board website at aowb.alabama.gov.
- 3 County health departments may issue a Permit to Install based on findings from the soils professional.

Solid Waste

The Health Department has the responsibility to oversee the collection and transportation of solid waste containing garbage from the generator to the disposal site. Regulatory responsibilities also include oversight of the treatment and disposal of septage and other permitted wastes. Additionally, county environmentalists provide inspections and

information on vector control. Reports on illegal dumps, illegal land application of septage activities, and incidences of vectors affecting public health should be made to your county health department environmentalist.

Water Supply in Individual Residential Wells

Department environmentalists handle calls about bacterial contamination and sampling of individual residential wells. To obtain a water sample bottle for your individual residential water supply, contact your county health department environmentalist.

HEALTH PROVIDER STANDARDS

- If you have questions regarding licensure and certification applications for health care facilities and suppliers such as nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, end stage renal disease treatment centers, hospices, independent clinical laboratories, residential treatment facilities, abortion or reproductive health centers, ambulatory surgical treatment centers, rehabilitation centers, sleep disorder centers, cerebral palsy treatment centers, or home health agencies, call the Provider Services Unit at 334-206-5175. In addition you may contact this unit with questions concerning the Provider Services Directory, facilities licensure rules, bed change, name change, relocation, and change of ownership applications.
- Questions regarding surveys of long-term care facilities should be directed to the Long Term Care Unit at 334-206-5111. Questions regarding surveys of health care providers other than long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, and laboratories should be directed to the Medicare Other Unit at 334-206-5075. Questions about surveys of assisted living facilities should be directed to the Assisted Living Unit at 334-205-5575. For information relating to building and life safety codes and the plan review process for health care facilities, call the Technical Services Unit of the Office of Facilities Management at 334-206-5177.
- For information regarding the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment, contact the CLIA Laboratory Unit at 334-206-5120.
- For inquiries regarding the Nurse Aide Registry and patient activities directors, call 334-206-5169.
- To make a complaint against a health care provider (other than assisted living facilities) you may call 800-356-9596. To make a complaint against an assisted living facility, call 866-873-0366.

RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS/X-RAY/ PARTICLE ACCELERATORS/RADON/NORM/ ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING/EMERGENCY PLANNING & RESPONSE/RADIOLOGICAL TRAINING

The Office of Radiation Control

- 1 Regulates the possession/use/disposal of radioactive materials.
- 2 Regulates the possession and use of X-ray equipment and particle accelerators.
- 3 Maintains a statewide environmental, radiological monitoring program.
- 4 Provides statewide emergency response to radiological events in the state.
- 5 Administers a statewide radon and naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) program.
- 6 Provides training for “first-on-the-scene” responders and emergency response personnel statewide.
- 7 Acts as the Radiation Control Agency for the State of Alabama.

An important part of the Health Department's work to protect the public's health is informing people of ways to prevent disease and injury to enhance health quality. The Alabama Department of Public Health provides the following health-related information, education, and access services to the public:

BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES

- Certified copies of Alabama birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates may be obtained in any county health department in Alabama on a while-you-wait basis, regardless of where in the state the event occurred.
- To order copies of these records by mail, contact the Center for Health Statistics, P.O. Box 5625, Montgomery, AL 36103-5625, telephone 334-206-5418, or visit www.alabamapublichealth.gov. Click on the selection "Apply for a birth, death, marriage, or divorce certificate" in the How Do I section of the Web page. The price of certified copies is \$15.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for each additional copy of the same record ordered at the same time.
- Valid identification is required to obtain a restricted vital record, which is a birth certificate less than 125 years old or a death certificate less than 25 years old. For specific information on identification requirements, click on the selection "Apply for a birth, death, marriage, or divorce certificate" in the How Do I section of the Web page.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND OUTBREAK INVESTIGATIONS

- The Infectious Diseases & Outbreaks Division investigates disease outbreaks, maintains surveillance of reportable diseases, and answers queries about infectious diseases and their control. These include questions about communicable diseases, rabies, tick and mosquito-borne diseases, food and waterborne diseases, and healthcare associated infections. For information, call 334-206-5971.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Training for emergency preparedness is provided to health departments, health care providers, and emergency responders. For more information call 334-206-3394.

HEALTH STATISTICS

The Center for Health Statistics conducts statistical studies and prepares analyses of data on birth, infant death, pregnancy, and other health data for the state and its geographic subdivisions. Many special studies are done on causes of death, teenage births, and maternal behaviors during and after pregnancy and other health-related topics. Information is released in narrative, graphic, and tabular form through annual publications, newsletters, special reports, presentations, and ad hoc tabulations. Data are also available on the website at alabamapublichealth.gov. Click on Contents A-Z, then Health Statistics. More information may be obtained by contacting the Center for Health Statistics, Statistical

Analysis Division, by mail to P.O. Box 5625, Montgomery, AL 36103-5625, by email to VSData@adph.state.al.us, or by telephone 334-206-5429.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (ALL KIDS)

- ALL Kids is a low-cost, comprehensive healthcare coverage program available to children under age 19 who qualify. Benefits include regular checkups and immunizations, sick child doctor visits, prescriptions, vision and dental care, hospitalizations, mental health and substance abuse services, and more. You may visit alabamapublichealth.gov/allkids or call 888-373-KIDS (5437) for more information about the ALL Kids program.
- ALL Kids applications may be completed online by visiting alabamapublichealth.gov/allkids. Paper versions of the application are also accepted and are available at county health departments, hospitals, medical offices, and schools throughout the state. All applications are available in both English and Spanish versions.

PRIMARY AND RURAL CARE

- Assesses communities for the availability of healthcare providers and recommends a shortage designation status for areas with critical shortages in medical care.
- Assists provider clinics and small rural hospitals with recruitment efforts in underserved communities through candidate referrals and physician placements through state and federal recruitment and retention programs
- Provides resources for workforce development, collaboration, and technical assistance to healthcare providers and community organizations in rural and medically underserved areas.

ALABAMA STATEWIDE CANCER REGISTRY

- Collects data on persons diagnosed with and treated for cancer in the state from hospitals and health care providers to identify high risk groups which can specifically be targeted for education, prevention, and screening efforts.
- Provides marketing and planning information for hospitals and health care providers in assessing the need for new equipment, personnel, target markets, and location of new facilities.
- Evaluates the effectiveness of education and intervention programs.
- Investigates potential community cancer excesses.

INJURY PREVENTION

- Provides information as well as educational materials and information regarding sexual assault, suicide prevention, child safety restraints, motor vehicle safety, seatbelt use, fire safety, poisoning prevention, drowning prevention, and other forms of violence and injury prevention.
- The Occupant Restraint Program provides educational programs across the state to increase seat belt and child restraint usage.

- The Rape Prevention and Education Program supports the Alabama Coalition Against Rape and its member rape crisis centers in their efforts to provide educational programs addressing violence against women and men. The programs include 24-hour hotlines and educational activities in schools, organizations, and communities.

TOBACCO CONTROL AND PREVENTION BRANCH

- Educates decision makers and the general public on tobacco-related policy issues that protect Alabamians from exposure to secondhand smoke, discourages use of tobacco products, and assists those who wish to quit tobacco use.
- Disseminates data on city ordinances, worksite policies, hospital policies, university and school board policies, state and local tobacco excise taxes, compliance checks, and youth and adult beliefs and behaviors about tobacco use.
- Facilitates local and state coalitions to implement the Alabama State Tobacco Plan for Tobacco Prevention and Control 2015-2020.
- Funds communities to attempt to help prevent youth tobacco and e-cigarette use, empower youth to strengthen tobacco control policies in their communities, and help youth quit tobacco.
- Provides free counseling and eight weeks of nicotine replacement therapy to medically eligible Alabamians who want to quit tobacco use. (Call the Alabama Tobacco Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) or visit www.Quitnowalabama.com)
- Enforces FDA tobacco-related regulations in Alabama.

TELEHEALTH: PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

The Telehealth Program Office works to promote telecommunications technologies for administrative, educational, telehealth, and telemedicine services throughout Alabama. With this technology, patients can simply go to their county health department to have a medical appointment with a healthcare clinician who may be located hundreds of miles away. Patients receive the same level of care without distant trips for medical appointments.

Both you and your healthcare provider can see and talk with each other with a secure audio-video Internet connection. These telehealth services are HIPAA compliant and encrypted. A county public health nurse or social worker will assist and follow your provider's instructions for these telehealth appointments. As necessary, examinations may include the use of additional specialized equipment such as a Bluetooth stethoscope, handheld examination camera, or ultrasound.

In addition to ADPH staff utilizing the technology, numerous external medical organizations including UAB, USA, Children's of Alabama, and Five Horizons collaborate to provide services including nephrology, neurology, cardiology, behavioral health, genetic counseling, maternal-fetal-medicine, HIV/AIDS, and diabetes education.

All services from the Alabama Department of Public Health are provided to eligible persons without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, political beliefs, handicaps, or sex. Payment for services varies.

No one will be denied services if unable to pay.



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