



2025

Community Health Needs Assessment



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Executive Summary

The report summarizes the needs identified for the area service by Hills & Dales Healthcare (HDH), which is part of Aspire Rural Health System. The purpose of the report is to inform the community, decision makers and healthcare providers of the needs of the community. In addition, it also outlines focus areas and priorities identified by HDH and will be used to create an implementation plan for addressing those needs. The report also identified collaborative initiatives that are addressing community needs.

A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is conducted to objectively identify needs within a particular community. This approach helps to ensure that priorities are based on evidence and accurate information. In addition to reviewing data, gathering input from community members is also necessary to accurately gauge the health of the community. The community's experience is critical to accurate interpretation of data. This is the fifth cycle of Community Health Assessment and Planning which is completed every three years (2013, 2016, 2019, and 2022). In alignment with Affordable Care Act requirements, the 2025 CHNA report includes a review of the 2024 implementation plan and progress toward targets.

Most experts would agree that providing healthcare is becoming more challenging due to everchanging patient needs and expectations, the advancement of technology, evolving reimbursement models, and increasing costs. These challenges occur at a time when resources for families and healthcare providers are stretched, making the CHNA process even more critical. The process helps to direct resources and efforts to the issues that have the greatest potential for improving the health of the community. Successfully addressing priority issues increases life expectancy, improves quality of life and results in a savings to the healthcare system.

The CHNA was completed using a team-based approach to coordinate activities. The process includes several steps that guide the team to select priority health issues. In Fall 2025, the team will use this report to select strategies and organize them into an implementation plan.

Dedicated to Serving

Hills & Dales Healthcare, part of Aspire Rural Health System, is dedicated to providing exceptional, patient-centered care close to home. Guided by a mission to serve as the leading rural healthcare organization, the hospital is committed to expanding access to quality care for residents across its community. Its vision is rooted in being the trusted choice for both patients and employees—delivering compassionate service, fostering teamwork, and upholding the highest standards of integrity and quality. The hospital's culture emphasizes collaboration, positivity, and enthusiasm, ensuring that every interaction reflects excellence in customer service and a shared commitment to improving the health and well-being of the rural communities it serves.

Services Provided by HDH

- After House Care
- Cardiology
- Cardiopulmonary Services
- Diagnostic Services
- Emergency Services
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- Inpatient Care & Swing Bed
- Infusion & Injections
- Internal Medicine
- Laboratory
- Nephrology
- Occupational Health
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Pharmacy
- Podiatry
- Pulmonology
- Radiology
- Short Term Respite Care
- Therapy Services
- Transitions

Locations Serving Us

- Bad Axe Family Practice & Pediatric Clinic
- Bad Axe Outpatient Services – Laboratory, PFT, & Radiology
- Bad Axe Rapid Care
- Bad Axe Specialty Clinic
- Caro Center for Rehabilitation
- Caro Family Practice
- Caro Outpatient Services Building – Laboratory, Radiology
- Caro Primary Care
- Caro Rapid Care
- Caro Specialty Clinic
- Huron Eye Care
- Millwood Street Primary Care
- Aspire Corporate Services
- Aspire Neurology Clinic
- Aspire Psychiatry Clinic
- Cass City Center for Rehabilitation
- Cass City Family Project
- Cass City General Surgery
- Cass City Medical Practice
- Cass City Rapid Care
- Family Healthcare of Cass City
- Hills & Dales Cardiology Clinic
- Hills & Dales ENT
- Hills & Dales Family Medicine
- Hills & Dales Gynecology Clinic
- Hills & Dales Healthcare (Hospital)
- Hills & Dales Oncology Clinic
- Hills & Dales Orthopedic Clinic
- Hills & Dales Pain Clinic
- Hills & Dales Podiatry Clinic
- Hills & Dales Urology Clinic
- Hills & Dales Wound Care Clinic
- Hospital Drive Pharmacy
- Thumb Pediatrics
- Kingston Family Practice
- Ugly Medical Clinic

Construction Update

In 2025, Hills and Dales Healthcare had some exciting space renovations and construction projects.

One of these projects was opening a new Psychiatry Clinic in Cass City. It opened in August 2025. By opening this clinic, Hills and Dales are responding to the high demand for psychiatric care in the Thumb Region by welcoming two psychiatrists: Dr. Dawson-Baglien and Dr. Rawe. With two psychiatrists, the community will have access to shorter wait times and expanded access to care, the ability to accommodate patient gender preference for their doctor, more collaboration with other medical specialties, expanded consult services for hospitals and clinics, and greater flexibility for patients in unique situations.

Additionally, Hills and Dales opened a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Clinic in the hospital, which will provide additional resources to the community for those facing substance use disorders. The MAT clinic also has a Peer Recovery Coach working to support patients in their recovery journey. The Peer Recovery Coach is seeing patients from the Caro Family Practice clinic as well.

Hills and Dales Urgent Care is another space change that occurred in 2025. The Urgent Care was relocated to a new address at 6757 Main Street in Cass City and was renamed to Cass City Rapid Care. The new location opened in September 2025 and offers more space and improved workflow to continue to provide convenient walk-in care for the community.

November 2025 saw the opening of the Sandusky Rapid Care and Family Practice. This brand-new building provides new convenient access to a variety of services, including rapid and family care, mammography, X-ray, and podiatry services offered by Dr. Ricks.

At the main hospital campus, Hills and Dales and the Aspire Rural Health System Foundation are currently working on renovating half of the inpatient rooms. Half of the inpatient rooms had been updated beginning in 2017, and this project will finish the other half not completed at that time. The renovations are designed to be semi-private with bathrooms and showers to improve the inpatient experience for those needing an overnight stay. This will ensure that every patient experiences a comfortable and welcoming environment that promotes both physical and emotional well-being. From modern, adjustable beds to calming décor, every detail can make a significant difference in a patient's recovery process. This project is being funded through the Aspire Rural Health System Foundation. For further information on how to donate to the project, visit <https://aspirerhs.org/foundation/>.

The Communities We Serve

The Hills & Dales Healthcare service area is located in the area of Michigan commonly referred to as the Thumb. Hospital utilization data was applied to 12 zip codes that compose the Hospital's primary service area. According to the 2023 American Community Survey, U.S. Census, this service area has a population of 35,563. The service area includes numerous towns and villages, including Caro, Cass City, Ubyly, Kingston, Minden City, Snover, Mayville. The Hospital provides services to a community in which:

- 21.0% of the population is under age 18 and 21.9% is over age 65.
- The population has limited racial diversity with 93.1% of the population identified as Caucasian, 3.3% Hispanic, 2.3% 2 or more Races, 0.7% Black, 0.4% Asian, 0.2% Some Other Race, 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.0% Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.
- Hills & Dales Healthcare service area has a Bachelor's or higher college degree rate of 16.9% in those individuals 25 years and over compared to Michigan's 31.8% and United States 35.0%.
- Average (Mean) household [GT1] income is lower at \$75,383 as compared to Michigan average (mean) income of \$96,299.
- 3.5% percent reported being unemployed on the census compared to 3.6% of Michigan residents.
- 6.1% reported on the census having no health insurance [GT2] compared to 5.0% of Michigan residents.
- In the 12 reported zip codes within the Hills & Dales Healthcare service area, 0.0% (48410), 5.2% (48456), 5.7% (48470), 10.6% (48472), 9.7% (48475), 11.5% (48723), 7.4% (48726), 3.1% (48729), 5.3% (48735), 10.6% (48741), 5.9% (48744), 3.2% (48757) percent of families are in poverty compared to 8.8% of Michigan families.
- The community's rate of self-employed individuals (10.9%) is higher than Michigan but lower than the United States when compared to Michigan rate of 9.5% and the United States rate of 11.0%.

What is a CHNA?

A Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is a federally mandated process for tax-exempt hospitals, established under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The CHNA process ensures that hospitals systematically identify and address the most significant health needs within their service areas. It provides hospitals with essential data and community input to guide the development of programs, services, and partnerships that meaningfully improve community health.

Beyond compliance, the CHNA process promotes collaboration by aligning hospital community benefit efforts with broader initiatives aimed at enhancing health and well-being across the region.

The healthcare environment continues to evolve rapidly. In addition to responding to the effects of a global pandemic during the most recent CHNA cycle, hospitals face multiple ongoing challenges—including advancing technology, workforce recruitment and retention, increased training demands, and the rising health needs of an aging population. These pressures occur in a context of limited resources for families, providers, and health systems alike. As such, the CHNA process has become even more critical in ensuring that community resources are strategically directed to the areas of greatest impact.

Through the CHNA, hospitals can focus their efforts on health priorities that have the greatest potential to extend life expectancy, enhance quality of life, and reduce long-term healthcare costs. The findings of the assessment guide the identification of key health priorities and inform the development of targeted strategies. These strategies are formalized within an Implementation Plan, which outlines specific, measurable actions to improve community health outcomes.

IRS-Required CHNA Components

According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), hospitals must:

1. Define the community served.
2. Assess the health needs of that community.
3. Solicit and consider input from individuals representing the broad interests of the community, including those with special knowledge or expertise in public health.
4. Document the CHNA findings in a written report adopted by an authorized governing body of the hospital.
5. Make the CHNA report publicly available to ensure transparency and accountability.

Process & Methodology

The first step in addressing community health needs is to identify them. Using an objective, evidence-based approach ensures that priorities are grounded in accurate and comprehensive information. Hills & Dales Healthcare conducted its 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) using a structured methodology that incorporated multiple sources of quantitative and qualitative data. When multiple data points indicate the same area of need, the likelihood of achieving meaningful impact through targeted interventions increases.



The Thumb Community Health Partnership (TCHP), a collaborative network representing Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties, provided key support throughout the CHNA process. TCHP compiled data from multiple public and proprietary sources and conducted a regional community health survey in fall 2024.

Building on this foundation, Hills & Dales Healthcare led the assessment process, facilitating prioritization exercises that identified the most pressing health concerns based on health indicator data, community input, and surveys from leadership and the hospital foundation. Priorities established in 2022 and progress on the 2022–2024 Implementation Plan were also reviewed and considered.

The process followed the Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI) framework, adhering to the six-step model outlined in the ACHI Community Health Assessment Toolkit. The team utilized the toolkit’s recommended methods and resources to guide each phase—from data collection and analysis to community engagement, prioritization, and planning.

The CHNA Team consisted of: Andy Daniels, Co-CEO; Angela McConnachie, Co-CEO; Kim Gentner, Chief Financial Officer; Megan Coyer, Chief Nursing Officer; Danielle Blaine, Vice President of Clinic Operations; Dr. Melanie Kramer, Chief Medical Officer; Matt Rick, Vice President of Ancillary Services; Jenna Muxlow, Vice President of Development and Outreach Christina Rowley, Senior Director of Communication and Marketing Strategy, and Abigail Newland, Grant Writer.

Data Resources

Table 1: Major Data Sources			
Public Health Statistics			
Source/Participants	URL or Citation	Dates	Additional Descriptors
United States Census Bureau	https://data.census.gov/table/	2023	American Community Survey, Census Demographic profiles, and subtopic data sets.
MI Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Vital Statistics	https://www.mdch.state.mi.us/osr/CHI/CRI/frame.asp or https://vitalstats.michigan.gov/osr/chi/IndexVer2.asp#Counties	2021-2023	Date ranges varied by health statistic. Some statistics represent one year of data as others are looking at 3 or 5 year averages.
Health Resources & Services Admin.	https://bhwh.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation	2021	Shortage designations are determined by HRSA.
County Health Rankings	www.countyhealthrankings.org	2020-2022	Includes a wide variety of statistics.
Kids Count	https://mlpp.org/kids-count/	2023/2024	Includes a variety of data from MDHHS and Department of Education.
Local Assessments			
Community Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distributed across Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties - 690 participants ● Report produced for service area by zip codes - 172 participants. 	Oct. 2024	A public survey was distributed online and on paper. The survey had four sections: 1) community strengths and weaknesses, 2) health priorities, 3) health system strengths and weaknesses, and 4) barriers to healthcare and wellness. The purpose of the survey was to gain a deeper understanding of contributing factors and community perceptions across a wide array of health issues.

Three types of data sources were utilized during the CHNA. The Team obtained the most recent data available and whenever possible, data that compared the local community to county, regional, state, or national statistics was used.

Data sources included:

- Public Health Statistics
- Demographic Data
- Community Surveys

Data was compiled into comparison charts for peer counties, Sanilac County, and Michigan.

Representing the Community

Input from individuals was gathered through the Community Health Survey. Representation from vulnerable populations was evident based on self-reporting within the survey. Of the 139 respondents from the service area, 58.3% identified as belonging to a vulnerable population, ensuring that the perspectives of those most at risk were included in the assessment process.

Vulnerable Populations in Marlette Community Service Area 2024	% of Survey Respondents
Senior Citizen	26%
Someone that experiences a mental health condition or disability or special education needs	38%
Low Income	36%
Veteran	11%
Healthcare or Human Service Provider that can speak for a wide variety of patients/people	16%
The Physically Disabled	22%
Someone with a Substance Use Disorder or Alcoholism or in recovery from substance use.	9%
People of a minority race or ethnic background	10%
Victim of Domestic Abuse or Child Abuse	14%
Seasonal or part time resident	0%
People who are homeless	5%
Other (please specify)	5%

▲ Mission

Providing exceptional care close to home as the leading rural healthcare organization.

▲ Vision

To expand accessibility to quality rural healthcare as the trusted choice for patients and employees.

▲ Culture

The values and actions we present towards each other, our customers, and the greater community. We will live our values through teamwork, integrity, quality, customer service, attitude, and fun.

Review of Previous CHNA

1. Access to Services

- a. A huge step that Hills and Dales Healthcare has made towards access to services is joining Aspire Rural Health System in 2024. This created a network of providers in the Thumb that will benefit the community by retaining physicians and recruiting additional providers/service lines – creating bigger access to services.
- b. HDH has also committed to expanding insurance accessibility through posting accepted insurances on the website and expanding insurance navigators throughout Aspire.
- c. A Community Health Worker completed training in 2025 to provide services to Aspire communities. The Community Health Worker connects community members to the services that they need. Care coordinators also work together with patients to increase accessibility to services.
- d. Access to Services has also been addressed through increasing marketing of services and providers to increase awareness. Some of these marketing campaigns include billboards, streamlining communications, social media expansion, and radio campaigns.
- e. Hills and Dales Healthcare offers low-cost “Know Your Numbers”, community preventative health screenings, throughout the year.
- f. Aspire Rural Health System Foundation has multiple funds for financial assistance, both for community members and employees. These funds are B.C.U.P.S. and P.C.U.P.S. for breast and prostate cancer patients and Help Us Help Our Own for Aspire employees.
- g. Hills and Dales Healthcare and Aspire participate in a multitude of community events, including health fairs, countywide fairs, sporting events, career days, and more.

2. Cancer

- a. Hills and Dales have expanded oncology services by recruiting a new provider.
- b. Aspire Rural Health System Foundation has become home to the B.C.U.P.S. and P.C.U.P.S. programs that serve to provide financial assistance and spread awareness of Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer.
- c. HDH is a Covenant Region Thumb Network (CRTN) partner of the Covenant Cancer Care at Aspire Marlette, dedicated to expanding cancer care services in the Thumb.
- d. Hills and Dales Healthcare participated in several campaigns for cancer awareness, including colorectal and breast cancer.

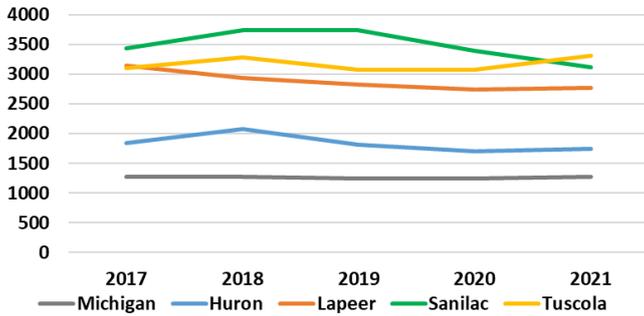
3. Behavioral Health

- a. Aspire Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Clinic opened in 2025 to address substance use disorders.
- b. Aspire Rural Health System received a grant from the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) to expand Peer Recovery Coach services for Aspire patients.
- c. The Aspire Psychiatry Clinic opened in August 2025 on Hills and Dales’ Cass City campus, increasing much-needed access to behavioral health care in the Thumb.
- d. Hills and Dales Healthcare Auxiliary meetings have frequent guest speakers who discuss a variety of health topics, including behavioral health.

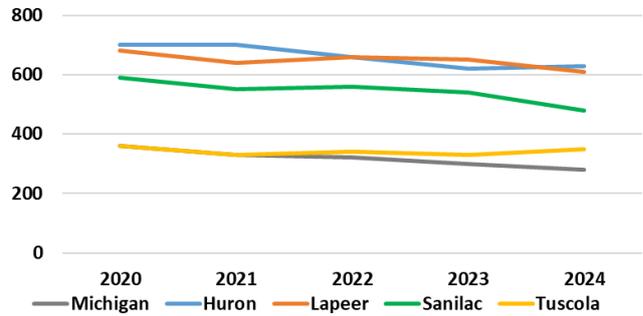
Regional Data Findings

Workforce Development

Primary Care Provider Rates
(Lower indicates greater access)



Mental Health Provider Rates
(Lower indicates greater access)



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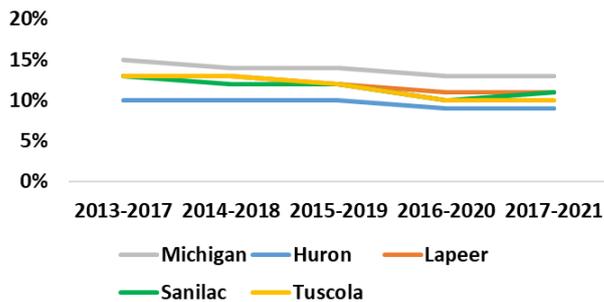
250+ job openings
at 23 local health and human services agencies are included on the weekly Thumb Community Health Partnership job bulletin.

Coordination of Services

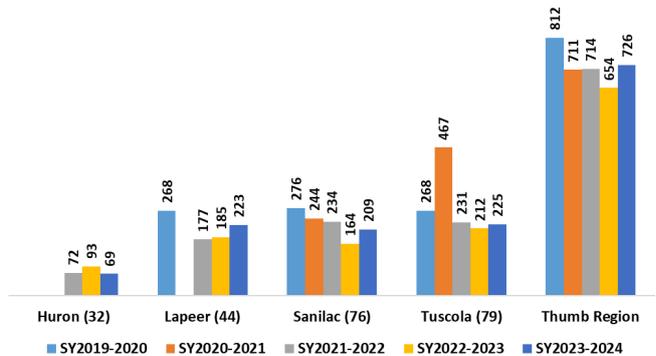
46% of respondents
on the Community Health Survey in the Hills & Dales Healthcare Service Area indicated that coordination of services is a weakness or major weakness of the Health Care System.

Social Determinants of Health

Percent of Households with Severe Housing Problems



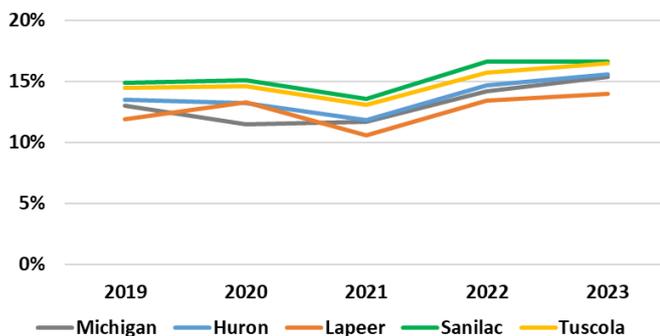
Homeless Student Data by School Year



*Percentage of households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities. County Health Rankings – University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, 2025; www.countyhealthrankings.org

MISchooldata: <https://www.mischooldata.org/homeless-enrollment-data-files>

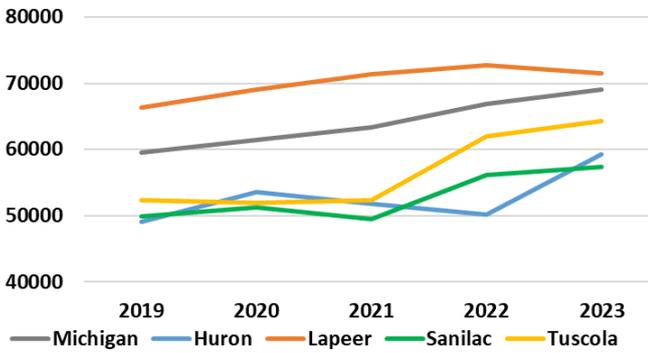
Percent with Food Insecurity - Did not have a Reliable Source of Food



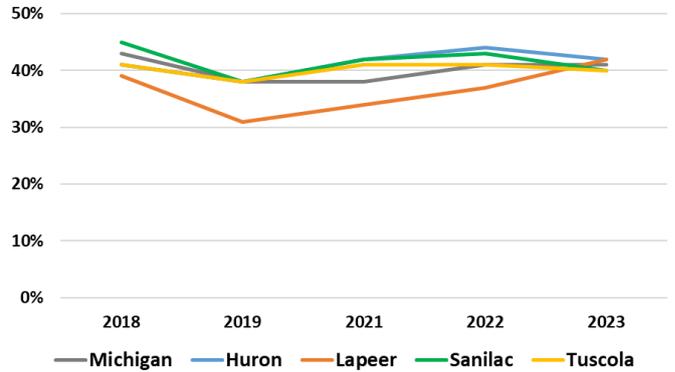
Feeding America:
<https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2022/overall/michigan>

Availability and Access to Services

Median Income



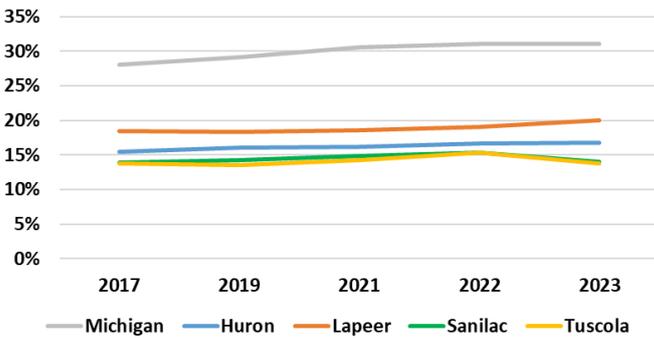
Percent of households below ALICE Threshold (cost of living)



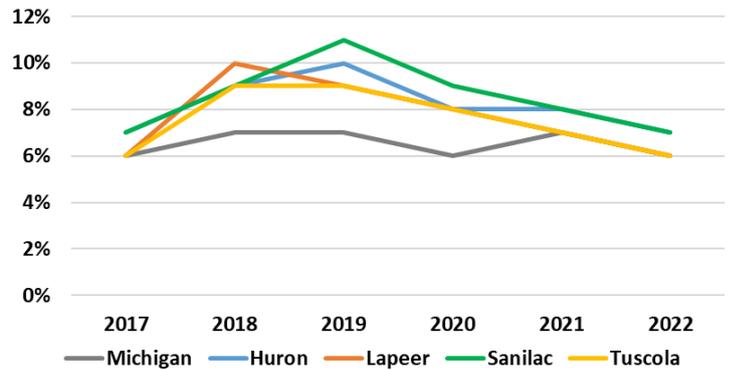
County Health Rankings – University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute; www.countyhealthrankings.org

ALICE Report 2025: <https://unitedforalice.org/state-reports>

Percent of People with Bachelors Degree or Higher (25 yo & up) - 5 Year Estimates



Percent of People < 65 that are Uninsured

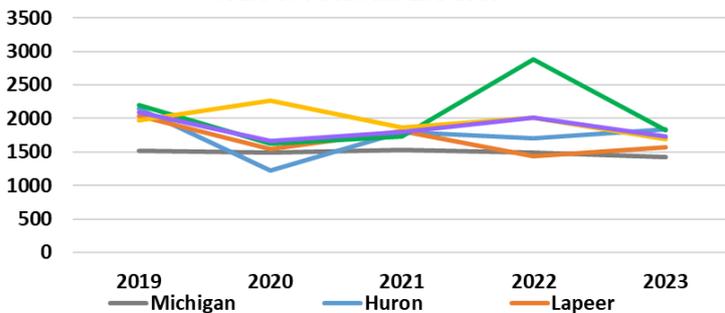


https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2023.S1501?q=S1501&g=040XX00US26_050XX00US26063,26087,26151,26157&moe=false US Census -S1501 - ACS 5 - Yr Estimate: 2023 (Educational Attainment) American Community Survey.

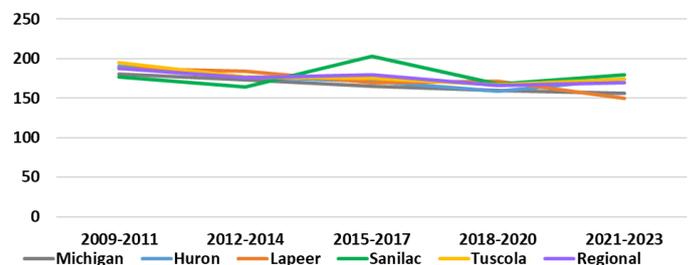
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Cancer

Cancer Rate/100,000 Years of Potential Life Lost



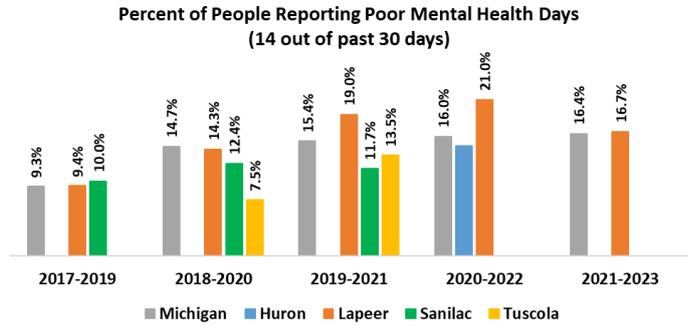
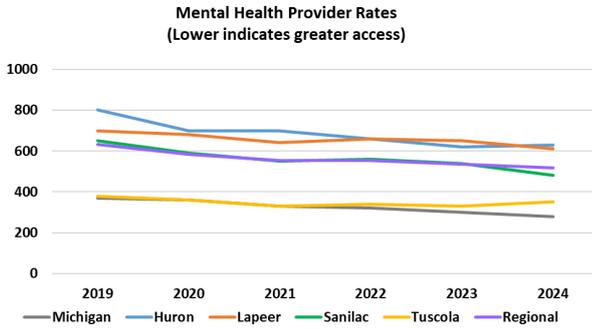
Cancer Mortality Trends Age Adjusted Rate/100,000



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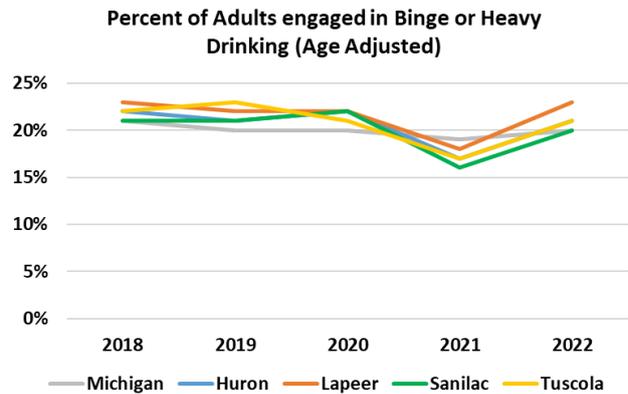
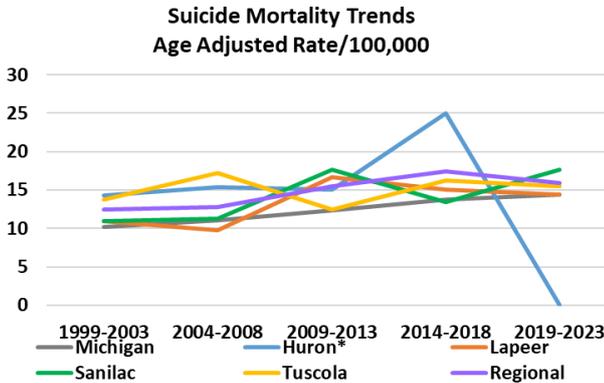
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Behavioral Health



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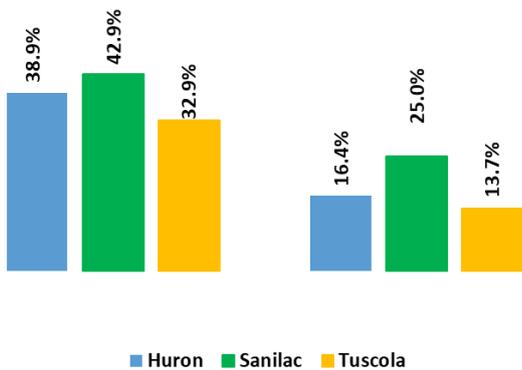
BFRS: <https://www.michigan.gov/en/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/communicablediseases/epidemiology/chronicepi/bfrs/reglocal/michigan-brfs-regional-and-local-health-department-tables>



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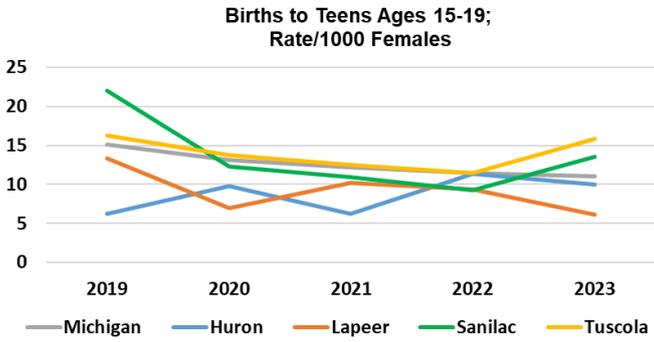
9th & 11th grade Depression and Suicidal Ideations



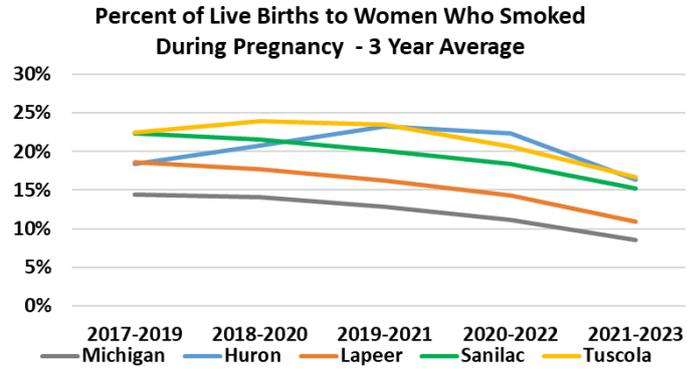
Michigan Profile for Health Youth: <https://mdoe.state.mi.us/schoolhealthsurveys/ExternalReports/CountyReportGeneration.aspx>

Over the past 10 years, **82%** of suicide deaths in the Thumb were men.

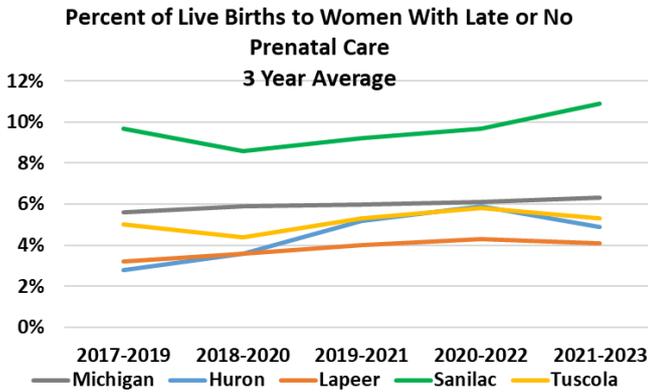
Prenatal and Infant Health



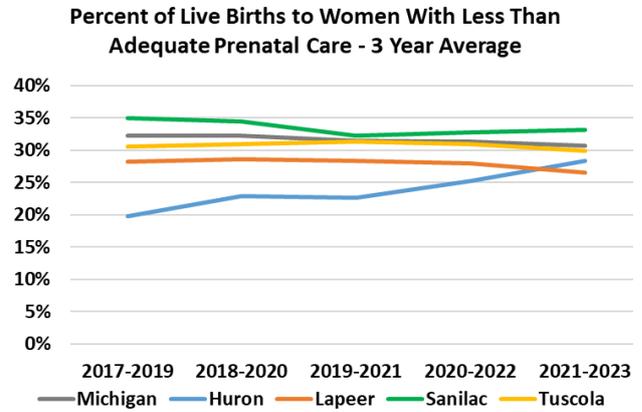
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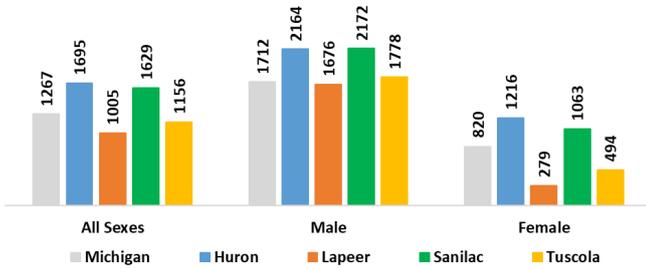
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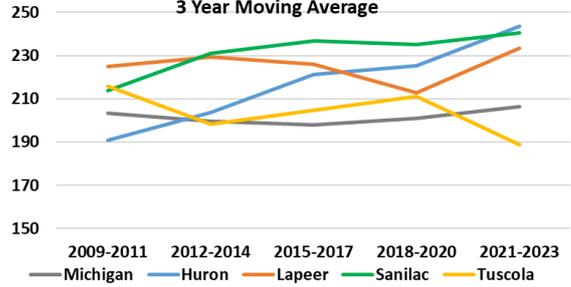
Chronic Disease

2023 Heart Disease Rate/100,000 Years of Potential Life Lost



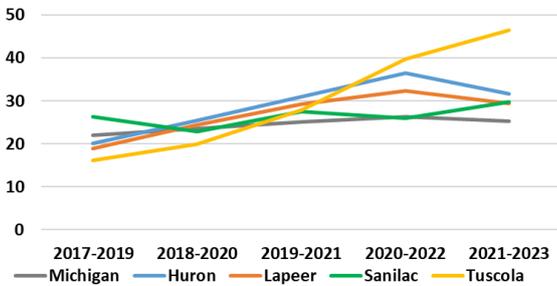
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Heart Disease Mortality Age Adjusted Rate/100,000
 3 Year Moving Average



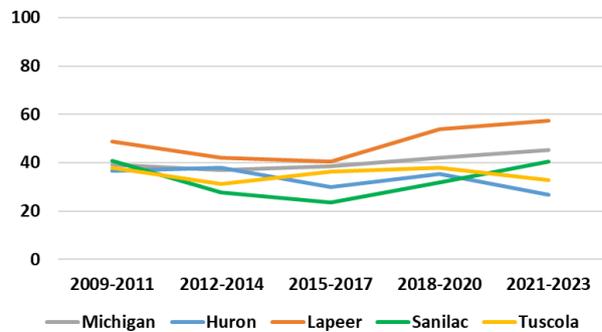
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Diabetes Mortality - Age Adjusted Rate/100,000

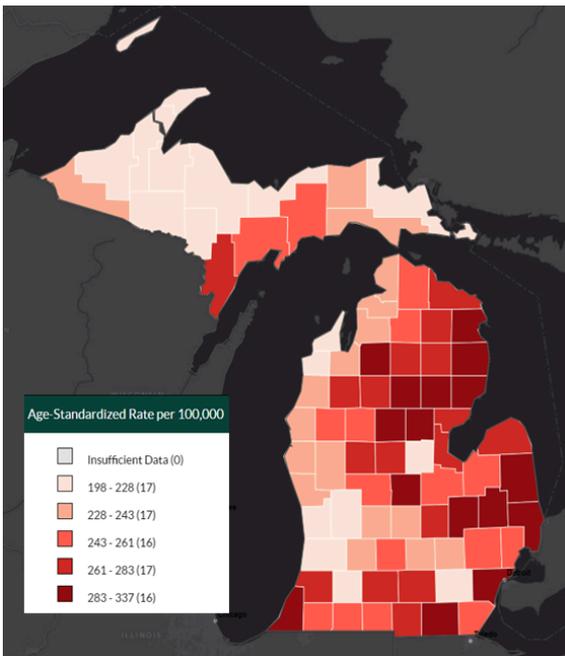


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Stroke Age Adjusted Mortality Trends Rate/100,000



Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
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Center for Disease Control; Interactive Atlas
<https://nccd.cdc.gov/DHDSPTAtlas/Default.aspx>

Total Cardiovascular
 Disease
 Death Rate Map
 All Genders
 All Races
 All Ages
 2019-2021

Community Needs & Priorities

The CHNA Team reviewed data, assessed internal resources, and identified the following priority areas for greatest impact:

- In the Thumb Region **MENTAL HEALTH** remains a key concern due to both rising need and limited provider access. The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) reports that 11.7% of adults experienced 14 or more poor mental health days in 2019–2021, compared with the state average of 15.4%. These findings highlight the importance of expanding local mental health services, early intervention, and prevention initiatives to meet growing community needs.
- The data show that **CHRONIC DISEASE** is a major and growing concern in the Thumb. Heart disease mortality has remained above the state average for more than a decade, with recent increases and high levels of premature death, especially among men. Stroke mortality has also risen in the most recent reporting period, again exceeding statewide trends. Diabetes mortality continues to climb across the Thumb region indicating worsening disease burden and gaps in prevention and management. The statewide cardiovascular map further highlights the Thumb as a higher-risk area compared to many other Michigan counties.
- **SUBSTANCE USE** remains a concern in the Thumb Region, with a number adults engaging in binge or heavy drinking and drug poisoning deaths consistently. These steady but significant levels—paired with rising statewide overdose trends—highlight the need for stronger prevention, early intervention, and recovery supports to reduce substance-related harm in the community.
- **CANCER** remains a significant health concern in the Thumb Region, with several cancer types showing notable mortality rates. These rates indicate that multiple forms of cancer are impacting residents at levels that warrant focused attention. High lung cancer mortality, combined with substantial deaths from preventable or screenable cancers like breast, colorectal, and prostate cancer, signals a need for strengthened prevention, early detection, and treatment pathways.
- The Thumb Region continues to show notable **PRENATAL & INFANT HEALTH** challenges, particularly in prenatal care and maternal risk behaviors. Rates of late or no prenatal care have risen and less-than-adequate prenatal care remains above 30% in parts of the region, exceeding state and neighboring-county averages. These patterns emphasize the need to strengthen early prenatal engagement, maternal health supports, and prevention efforts to improve birth outcomes in the Thumb.

Resource Assessment

Need	Current HDH Efforts	Current Community Efforts
Focus Priorities		
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Thumb Community Health Partnership to provide Man Therapy. • Provide resources on Aspire social channels, employee intranet, and website. • Aspire Psychiatry Clinic opening August 2025 in Cass City. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thumb Community Health Partnership provides resources to access mental health care, including Man Therapy. • Work with local Chamber(s) of Commerce to provide resources as needed. • Numerous mental health providers in the county.
Chronic Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetic Education classes are available in Cass City. • Offer periodic low-cost screenings to the community. • Offer free or low-cost exercise classes several times per week. • HDH coordinates a 5K in Cass City. • Specialist options either on-site or through telehealth, utilizing CRTN network. • Awareness of services-utilize social media, radio, billboards, print, etc. to increase awareness of service lines • Utilizing the ACO Population Management Dashboard, Prevention, and Screening Measurements, and monthly health month awareness campaigns to identify those individuals who need those screenings and notify them, "It's Time for your Yearly Screening." • Through Aspire Rural Health System, have greater access to wound and pain clinics and its services. • Specialty services expanded include outpatient clinic services including tele-psychiatry, cardiology, ENT, orthopedics, nephrology, neurology, and vascular medicine. • Covenant Cardiology services offered. • Offer gym membership discounts for Aspire employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several community groups sponsor 5K races throughout the year. All communities have free community walking trails. • Thumb Community Health Partnership offers many programs targeting chronic diseases. • Participation in ACO to promote wellness and screenings.

Need	Current HDH Efforts	Current Community Efforts
Focus Priorities, continued...		
Substance Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Aspire Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Clinic in 2025. • Physician offices and emergency departments continue to abide by strict guidelines in the prescribing and administration of opioids and narcotics. • Member of Thumb Opioid Response Consortium (TORC) to reduce the harm of substance use disorders by working together as a region (Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, and the rural tracks of Lapeer County) to ensure that prevention, treatment, and recovery services are aligned with the needs of the community. • Aspire Rural Health System is a recipient of a Michigan Health and Hospital Association grant to expand Peer Recovery Coach services to Aspire patients. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TORC provides a platform for collaboration regarding substance use. • Face Addiction Now (FAN) for Tuscola County. • Community Mental Health offers resources and help to the community. • Self-help groups mostly for alcohol addiction. • Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) offered in Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac Counties.
Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspire Rural Health System Foundation provides financial assistance for mammograms and diagnostic testing services through the B.C.U.P.S. program. • Aspire Rural Health System Foundation is home to the P.C.U.P.S. Foundation to raise funds and create a higher awareness in the fight against prostate cancer. P.C.U.P.S. stands for Prostate Cancer Understanding, Prevention, and Screenings. • Aspire Women's Health Clinic expanded services in July 2025. • Partner with Covenant Cancer Care at Aspire Marlette to expand cancer care services in the Thumb as part of the Covenant Region Thumb Network (CRTN). • Campaign in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, social media advertising, community engagement activities, and giveaways. • Campaign in March for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other hospitals have or are starting women's health funds to help with screening costs. • American Cancer Society hosts annual awareness and fundraising events - Relay for Life and other support services for Cancer patients. • The health department has a breast cancer and cervical cancer screening program.

Need	Current HDH Efforts	Current Community Efforts
Focus Priorities, continued...		
Prenatal & Infant Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer community education on prenatal and infant health issues. • Refer patients to Tuscola and Huron County Health Departments for additional prenatal, infant, and maternal health services. • Opened Bad Axe Family Practice and Pediatric Clinic with a new pediatrician, Kathleen Rochefort, MD. • Aspire Women’s Health Clinic expanded services in July 2025 including hiring FNP-C, Michelle Burgess. • Perform car seat checks for community members and offer car seat checks at community events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties Health Department offer Family Planning and WIC Programs. • Great Start Collaborative(s) located in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties, which provide resources for parents.

Additional Documents & References

Additional Documents:

The following documents support the findings and the work completed during the Community Health Needs Assessment process. They are available upon request.

- Thumb Community Health Partnership Data Dashboard and County Health Indicator Recordings- <https://www.thumbhealth.org/healthdata>
- 2021 Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Report https://www.thumbhealth.org/_files/ugd/dc955f_1d4d3f2b8660477886bb0e6c0f64ee71.pdf
- 2024 Community Survey Instrument
- 2021 MCR Service Area Community Survey Report
- Resource Assessment

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Contact Us

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Appendix A:

Community Health Resource List

The following resources are currently available in our community to address the significant community health needs discussed in this report. Despite our efforts, we recognize that this list may not be all-inclusive and welcome any information to add available resources and increase its usefulness. Such information can be sent to abigail.newland@aspirerhs.org.

County Health Departments and the Human Development Commission provide many support services to Thumb area residents. For full lists of all of their services, we recommend visiting their offices and/or websites:

- Huron County Health Department – 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413 – 989-269-9721 – <https://www.hchd.us/>
- Lapeer County Health Department – 1800 Imlay City Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446 – 810-667-0448 – <https://www.lapeercountymi.gov/departments/health/index.php>
- Sanilac County Health Department – 171 N. Dawson St., Suite 123, Sandusky, MI 48471 – 810-648-4098 – <https://www.sanilachealth.com/>
- Tuscola County Health Department – 1309 Cleaver Rd., Ste B, Caro, MI 48723 – 989-673-8114 – <https://www.tchd.us/>

Human Development Commission

- Bad Axe – 856 N. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, MI 48413 – 989-269-9502 – <https://hdc-caro.org/huron-county-services-1>
- Caro – 429 Montague Ave., Caro, MI 48723 – 989-673-4121 – <https://hdc-caro.org/tuscola-county-services>
- Lapeer – 1947 N. Lapeer Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446 – 810-969-4107 – <https://hdc-caro.org/lapeer-county-services>
- Sandusky – 215 N. Elk St., Sandusky, MI 48471 – 810-648-4497 – <https://hdc-caro.org/sanilac-county-services>

Hospitals

- Deckerville Community Hospital – 3559 Pine St., Deckerville, MI 484, 810-376-2835
- Hills and Dales Healthcare – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726, 989-912-6319
- Marlette Regional Hospital – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453, 989-635-4525

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Clinics and Specialty Practices

- Aspire Marlette Pain Clinic – 2750 Main St., Suite 5, Marlette, MI 48453
- Aspire Neurology Clinic – 4674 Hill St., Cass City, MI, 48726
- Aspire Spine Clinic – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Aspire Women’s Health Clinic – 2570 Main St., Suite 4, Marlette, MI 48453
- Bad Axe Family Practice & Pediatric Clinic – 684 N. Port Crescent St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Bad Axe Outpatient Services – 684 N. Port Crescent St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Bad Axe Rapid Care – 684 N. Port Crescent St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Caro Center for Rehabilitation – 1186 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Caro Family Practice – 1048 E. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Caro Outpatient Services Building – Laboratory – 1186 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Caro Outpatient Services Building – Radiology – 1186 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Caro Primary Care – 1514 W. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Caro Rapid Care – 1048 E. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 47723
- Caro Specialty Clinic – 1514 W. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Cass City Center for Rehabilitation – 6190 Hospital Dr., Suite 101, Cass City, MI 48726
- Cass City Family Practice – 6190 Hospital Dr., Suite 106, Cass City, MI 48726
- Cass City General Surgery – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Cass City Medical Practice – 4672 Hill St., Suite 1, Cass City, MI 48726
- Cass City Rapid Care – 6757 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Deckerville Healthcare Services – 2030 Black River St., Deckerville, MI 48427
- Deckerville Physical Therapy – 2030 Black River Street, Suite 4, Deckerville, MI 48427
- Family HealthCare of Brown City – 4472 Main St., Brown City, MI 48416
- Family Healthcare of Cass City – 6230 Hospital Dr., Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Cardiology Clinic – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales ENT – 4675 Hill St., Suite B, Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Family Medicine – 4675 Hill St., Suite A, Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Gynecology Clinic – 6230 Hospital Dr., Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Oncology Clinic – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Orthopedic Clinic – 6190 Hospital Dr., Suite 104, Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Pain Clinic – 4675 Hill St., Suite C, Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Podiatry Clinic – 4675 Hill St., Suite A, Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Urology Clinic – 4672 Hills St., Suite 2, Cass City, MI 48726
- Hills & Dales Wound Care Clinic – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Kingston Family Practice – 5854 State St., Kingston, MI 48741
- Marlette Family HealthCare – 2750 Main St., Suite 2, Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette General Surgery Clinic – 2750 Main St., Suite 6, Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette Orthopedic Clinic – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette Regional Hospital Health Services – 3006 Main St, Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette Specialty Clinic – 2734 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette Surgical Services Clinic – 2750 Main St. Suite 7/8, Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette Therapy Services – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette Wound Care Clinic – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48423
- Mayville Family Healthcare – 2180 Ohmer Rd., Mayville, MI 48744
- Millwood Street Primary Care – 130 Millwood St., Caro, MI 48723

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- North Branch Family HealthCare – 4000 Huron St., P.O. Box 180, North Branch, MI 48461
- Port Sanilac HealthCare – 245 S. Ridge St., MI 48469
- Quick Care – 2771 Angle St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Sandusky Family Practice – 650 W. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Sandusky Outpatient Services – Laboratory – 650 W. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Sandusky Outpatient Services – Radiology – 650 W. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Sandusky Rapid Care – 650 W. Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Thumb Pediatrics – 6190 Hospital Dr., Suite 105, Cass City, MI 48726
- Ubly Medical Clinic – 2254 Main St., Ubly, MI 48475

Pharmacies and Medical Equipment

- Aspire Deckerville Pharmacy – 2046 Black River St., Deckerville, MI 48427
- Hospital Drive Pharmacy – 6190 Hospital Dr., Cass City, MI 48726
- Marlette Pharmacy – 2985 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Ehardt's Pharmacy & Medical Supply – 6541 Plaza Dr., Suite 1, Marlette, MI 48453
- Walmart Pharmacy – 655 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Ehardt's Pharmacy – Sandusky, 78 S. Elk St., Sandusky, MI 48471
- State Street Pharmacy – 192 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723
- Walgreens Pharmacy – 830 N. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Walmart Pharmacy – 1121 E. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Caro Drugs – 604 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723
- Harbor Drug – 114 S. Huron Ave., Harbor Beach, MI 48441
- Ally Pharmacy – 1800 W. Caro Rd., Suite 1, Caro, MI 48723
- Ubly Pharmacy – 2031 E. Main St., Ubly, MI 48475
- Ehardt's Pharmacy & Medical Supply – 6233 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Meijer Pharmacy – 100 Pigeon Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Walmart Pharmacy – 901 N. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413

Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, Nursing Care, Retirement Homes and Elderly Services

- Beechwood Senior Apartments – 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City, MI 48726
- United Hospice Service Residence – 2700 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- The Heartlands – 6305 Bluewater Court, Marlette, MI 48453
- United Hospice Service Office, MRH Health Services – 3006 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Marlette Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility/Long-Term Care – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Stonegate Village Assisted Living & Memory Care – 70 W. Argle St., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Heritage Hill Assisted Living & Memory Care – 1430 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Medilodge of Cass City – 4782 Hospital Dr., Cass City, MI 48726
- Meadow Lane Assisted Living & Memory Care – 150 Meadow Ln, Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Autumnwood of Deckerville – 3387 Ella, Deckerville, MI 48427
- Tuscola County Medical Care Community – 1285 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- A Place of Grace Assisted Living – 110 N. Elk St., Sandusky, MI 4871
- Courtney Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation – 1167 E. Hopson St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Huron County Medical Care Facility – 1116 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Sanilac County Medical Care Facility – 137 N Elk St, Sandusky, MI 48471
- Tuscola County Medical Care Community – 1285 Cleaver Rd, Caro, MI 48723
- Region VII Area Agency on Aging – 800-858-1637

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Dental Health Services

- James D. Thomas, DDS, PC – 16240 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Nicholas E. Nahernak, D.D.S. – 6506 Church St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Heart Of The Thumb Dentistry – 2621 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Caro Dental Associates – 147 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723
- Bad Axe Family Dentistry – 1011 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Thumbs Up Dental – Caro, 130 W. Burnside St., Caro, MI 48723
- Sanilac Smiles Dental Care – 749 N. Sandusky Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Thumbs Up Dental – North Branch, 6668 Bernie Kohler Dr., North Branch, MI 48461
- Family Dentistry of Sandusky – 595 S. Sandusky Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Marlette Family Dentistry – 3149 Main St., Suite 5, Marlette, MI 48453
- My Community Dental Centers – Sandusky, 135 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Caro Family Dentistry – 206 Montague Ave., Caro, MI 48723
- Upright Dental – 2621 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Tru Family Dental – Lapeer, 456 S. Main St., Lapeer, MI 48446
- Hilltop Dentists – 12265 N. State Rd., Otisville, MI 48463
- Dr. Straight Family Dentistry – 223 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- First Class Family Dentistry – 30 N. Dawson St., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Matheson Ross R DDS – 527 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723
- VanDeVelde and Matheson, DDS PC – 124 N. Hanselman St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Scott M. Behnan, DDS, MS – Bad Axe Orthodontics
- David P Fucinari PC – 2228 E. Main St., Ubly, MI 48475
- Dr. Joseph N. Valentin, DDS – 6417 W. Marlette Rd., Marlette, MI 48453
- Blue Water Orthodontics – 90 N Morse St., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Resler Orthodontics – Caro – 146 W. Sherman St., Caro, MI 48723

Mental Health and Counseling Services

- Aspire Psychiatry Clinic – 4624 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Sanilac County Community Mental Health – 217 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Lapeer County Community Mental Health – 1570 Suncrest Dr., Lapeer, MI 48446 – 810-667-0500
- Tuscola Behavioral Health – 1332 Prospect Ave., Caro, MI 48723 – 989-673-6191
- Terri A. Scott, PhD (Psychologist) – 3090 Main St., #4, Marlette, MI 48453 – 810-441-4239
- P.L. Zylanoff, MD (Psychiatrist) – 3149 Main St., Ste 5, Marlette, MI 48453 – 810-886-2238
- Lakeshore Therapy – 51 Austin St., Sandusky, MI – 810-689-4846
- Thumb Area Psychological Services – 6627 Rose St., Cass City, MI – 989-872-1800
- Senior Life Solutions – McLaren Caro Region – 310 N. Hooper St., Caro, MI – 989-672-5757
- United Hospice Service Grief Support Group
- United Hospice Service Grief Lunch and Dinner Support Groups
- Human Development Commission Caregiver Support Groups
- GriefShare, www.griefshare.org

Community Health Resource List

Vision and Eye Care

- Huron Eye Care – 411 State St., Caro, MI 48723
- Opticare Vision Center – 119 N. Hanselman St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Keith J. Messing, OD – 1226 Sand Beach Rd, Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Rita Messing M OD – 1226 Sand Beach Rd, Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Walmart Vision & Glasses – 901 N. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Thumb Family Vision – 6867 Cass City Rd., Ste 2, Cass City, MI 48726
- Envision Eye Care – 4515 Nestle St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Opticare Vision Center – 810 S. State St., Caro, MI 48723
- Star Vision Center – 170 N. State St., Caro, MI 48723
- Walmart Vision & Glasses – 1121 E. Caro Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Kapteyn Optometry – Walmart Vision Center – Sandusky – 655 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Family Eye Care of Sandusky – 454 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Huron Eyecare PC – 444 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Ronald R. Watson, OD – 43 Kristian St., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Jankowski Stephan OD – 93 S. Morse St., Sandusky, MI 48471

Chronic Disease Management

- Cardiac Rehabilitation Program
 - Deckerville Community Hospital – 3559 Pine St., Deckerville, MI 48427
 - Hills & Dales Healthcare – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
 - Marlette Regional Hospital – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Diabetes Self-Management Education Program
 - Hills & Dales Regional Education Center – 6667 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
 - MRH Health Services Building – 3006 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Nutrition Education & Counseling
 - Hills & Dales Healthcare – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
 - MRH Health Services Building – 3006 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program
 - Deckerville Community Hospital – 3559 Pine St., Deckerville, MI 48427
 - Hills & Dales Healthcare – 4675 Hill St., Cass City, MI 48726
 - Marlette Regional Hospital – 2770 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453

Case Management

- Aspire Rural Health System, Transitions Community Program – 989-635-4142

Health Insurance/Prescription Assistance

- Sanilac County Health Department – 171 Dawson St., Suite 123, Sandusky, MI 48471
- Huron County Health Department – 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Tuscola County Health Department – 1309 Cleaver Rd., Suite B, Caro, MI 48723
- Hills and Dales Healthcare – 989-912-6800 or 989-912-6327

Community Health Resource List

Fitness Centers

- Summit 24/7 Fitness + Wellness – 6444 Morris St., Marlette, MI 48453
- Get Serious Fitness – 4217 Main St., Brown City, MI 48416
- Clifford Fitness Center – 4548 Madison St., Clifford, MI 48727
- Thumb Health & Fitness – 37 Austin St., Sandusky, MI 48471
- Push Your Limit Fitness & Nutrition – 4290 Huron St., North Branch, MI 48461
- Pure Fitness – 1152 Cleaver Rd., Caro, MI 48723
- Body Industry Gym – 6069 Fulton St., Mayville, MI 48744
- American Tough Fitness – 218 W. Main St., Mayville, MI 48744
- Ligrow's 24hr Fitness and Athletic Performance Center – 6447 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726
- Foundry Barbell Social – 560 Oak St., Lapeer, MI 48446
- State Street Fitness LLC – 616 E. Frank St., Caro, MI 48723
- Anytime Fitness – 1847 S. Van Dyke Rd., Imaly City, MI 48444
- Bad Axe Club Fitness – 123 N. Port Crescent St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Maximum Effort Training Compound – 1148 N. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Thumb Pilates – 111 N. Hanselman St., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Lamb & Lily Yoga – 2166 E. Main St. Ubly, MI 48475

Food/Clothing Resources

- Bad Axe First United Methodist Church – Bad Axe, MI 48413 – 989-269-7671
- Countryside Free Methodist Church, Sandusky – 810-648-2164
- Project Blessing – Deckerville, MI – 810-376-3020
- Snover Food Pantry – Snover – 1494 Ubly Rd., Snover, MI 48471 – 810-672-9101
- Food Bank of Eastern Michigan – 2300 Lapeer Rd., Flint, MI 48503 – 810-239-4441
- Crowell/Lexington Food Pantry – 810-359-2045
- Trinity Episcopal Church – 5646 Main St., Lexington, MI 48450 – 810-359-2045
- Heaven Sent Ministries – Marlette, MI 48453 – 989-635-0077
- Marlette First Church – 3155 Main St., Marlette, MI 48453 – 989-635-2075
- Sandusky HELP – 810-648-1988
- The Outpost/Sportsman Ministry – Sandusky, MI 48471 – 810-648-2164
- Project Blessing – Brown City, MI – 810-346-3681
- Trinity Lutheran Church – 8744 Burnside Rd., Brown City, MI – 810-346-3127
- Project Blessing – Carsonville, MI – 910-657-8831
- Bethel Missionary Church – Yale, MI – 810-387-2625
- Revive Ministries – 6400 S. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 – 989-551-7803
- Revive Ministries Common Grounds Café – 6414 Main St., Cass City, MI 48726 – 989-912-2144

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Assistance

- Sanilac County Health Department – 171 Dawson St., Suite 123, Sandusky, MI 48471
- Huron County Health Department – 1142 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
- Tuscola County Health Department – 1309 Cleaver Rd., Suite B, Caro, MI 48723

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Transportation Services

- Thumb Area Transportation – Bad Axe, MI – 800-322-1125 or 989-269-2121
- Sanilac Transportation – Sandusky, MI – 810-648-9766
- Mid Valley Transportation – Lapeer, MI – 810-664-9100
- Human Development Commission
 - Bad Axe – 856 N. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, MI 48413 – 989-269-9502
 - Caro – 429 Montague Ave., Caro, MI 48723 – 989-673-4121
 - Lapeer – 1947 N. Lapeer Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446 – 810-969-4107
 - Sandusky – 215 N. Elk St., Sandusky, MI 48471 – 810-648-4497

Housing

- Blue Water Center for Independent Living – 100 W. Argyle St., Suite 1, Sandusky, MI 48471 – 810-648-2555
- Eva's Place – Sandusky, MI 48471 – 810-672-9467
- Family Promise of Tuscola County – 102 Joy St., Caro, MI 48723 – 989-589-5509
- The Refuge – 1009 N. Saginaw St. – Lapeer, MI 48446
- Sanilac House of Hope – 262 Margaret St., Sandusky, MI 48471 – 800-393-4322 Ext. 2
- United Way – 211

Implementation Plan

2025 Health Need	2026 - 2028 Response (HDH)
1. Cancer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspire Foundation B.C.U.P.S. and P.C.U.P.S. programs are available for patient financial assistance. • Continue to host Hunting for Health to raise funds for P.C.U.P.S. • Provide free community webinars to include topics regarding cancer. • Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. • Campaign for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March. • Continue to participate in the American Cancer Society’s “Go Red” Campaign. • Increase awareness of Aspire’s services for cancer treatment. • Expand physician coverage to accommodate a larger volume of patients.
2. Chronic Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on developing a consistent and comprehensive cardiology service in the community. • Look at options for partnering, purchasing, or new agency for Home Health and Hospice. • Review approaches for a durable medical equipment solution for Aspire. • Provide free community webinars touching on various chronic disease topics. • Continue to provide Covenant Cardiology resources.
3. Substance Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue expansion of Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) in Aspire to better serve the needs of the community. • Continue integrating Peer Recovery Coach services through the MHA Peer Recovery Coach Grant. • Provide free community webinars to include topics on substance use. • Follow strict guidelines in the prescribing and administration of opioids and narcotics. • Member of Thumb Opioid Response Consortium (TORC) to reduce the harm of substance use disorders by working together as a region (Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola and the rural tracks of Lapeer County) to ensure that prevention, treatment, and recovery services are aligned with the needs of the community.
4. Prenatal and Infant Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to expand primary care where there is a need for families. • Engage in more community events and programs to better engage school-age populations as it relates to health. • Grow Women’s Health resources and service offerings through Aspire network. • Provide free community webinars that may touch on topics regarding prenatal & infant health.
5. Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with local schools for education on mental health. • Engage local community members through community event offerings and community building. • Provide free community webinars touching on mental health. • Continue to be a member of Thumb Community Health Partnership to provide Man Therapy.