

# 2026 McLAREN LAPEER REGION



## COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

## BACKGROUND

This plan outlines how McLaren Lapeer Region will respond to the priority health needs identified through the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) for the next three years.

## REGIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority identification and implementation plan was developed based on key findings in the Community Health Needs Assessment.

1. Access to Care
2. Chronic Disease
3. Cancer Prevention

The hospital developed an implementation plan including community health improvement goals and strategies to address the identified priority areas. The hospital is pursuing these internally as well as collaborating with community organizations to achieve the greatest community impact on our actions.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

1. Access to Health Care

Goal: Increase access to health care services for all.

Strategies:

- Provide same day access to primary care services through McLaren Medical Group providers
- Partner with McLaren Medical Group and independent primary care providers to ensure adequate succession planning for providers transitioning into retirement or leaving the area
- Offer extended access to diagnostic testing such as imaging services
- Decrease wait-times for appointments for all services
- Recruit and retain top quality providers in all primary care and specialty areas
- Support recruitment and retention by enhancing opportunities for employee well-being via Employee Assistance Program and Employee Health Clinic
- Promote resident retention specifically targeted at primary care providers interested in establishing a practice in the service area

- Collaborate with Michigan Health and Hospital Association to advance best practice priorities around diversity, equity and inclusion to reduce barriers to accessing healthcare

As part of a fully integrated, statewide health care system with a mission to be the best value in health care as defined by quality outcomes and cost, McLaren is participating in, and will continue to explore initiatives designed to improve hospital safety, quality and experience including:

- Various payor performance metrics
- Utilization of the McLaren Health Care Safety Dashboard monitoring key performance indicators

## 2. Chronic Disease

Goal: Improve prevention and reduce health risks for chronic diseases.

Strategies:

- Connect patients to a primary care provider
- Deliver education programs to the community to promote wellness
- Offer a variety of free health screenings
- Participate in health fairs and expos providing free information and education on reducing health risks
- Inform patients and community on how to access health care information and credible resources including patient portal access
- Provide information on health and wellness offerings including Thumb Cares 211 information database
- Offer education for those with chronic disease i.e., COPD At-Home Program
- Advocate for policies, rules and regulations that reduce health risks for the general public via McLaren Health Care Government Relations Office and Lapeer County Medical Control Authority

## 3. Cancer Prevention

Goal: Improve community health outcomes by reducing risk factors and increasing education.

Strategies:

- Distribute educational materials at health fairs and outreach events

- Offer free cancer screening events throughout the year
- Encourage tobacco cessation through education, screening, and referral sources
- Promote smoke-free environments
- Utilize communication channels to promote cancer prevention messaging
- Promote sun safety practices to reduce harmful UV exposure
- Educate on importance of living a healthy lifestyle including diet and exercise

## Conclusion

The implementation plan will be monitored to track outcomes of success and areas for improvement. The plan and program metrics will be monitored and updated annually. The hospital reserves the right to amend this implementation strategy as circumstances warrant. For example, certain needs may become more pronounced and require enhancements. During the three-year period other organizations in the community may decide to address certain needs, indicating that the Hospital then should refocus on its limited resources to best serve the community.

## **STRATEGIC ISSUES THAT WILL NOT BE TARGETED AND WHY**

The Implementation Plan planning process requires McLaren Lapeer Region to conduct a health needs selection process based on critical criteria including health need severity, magnitude and inequity, and the extent to which McLaren Lapeer Region can effectively deliver the need. Due to resource constraints and the lack of proficiencies, we will not be addressing the following needs identified in the CHNA:

1. Affordable Housing – Relative lack of expertise to effectively address this need
2. Poverty and Homelessness – Other organizations in the community are addressing this need