

August 21, 2015

Hello! This letter is being sent to residents with children in the Pellston community and surrounding communities. By the beginning of the 2015 school year we will be offering an exciting new delivery of health care at the Hornet Health Center located in the Pellston Middle/High and Elementary schools. As medical and mental health needs change in the Pellston area, **our center will now offer telemedicine services to our clients.** Telemedicine has been used by hospitals and healthcare agencies in remote areas for over 40 years. For visits needing consultation with a Nurse Practitioner, students/clients will meet face to face with a registered nurse in Pellston while using the telemedicine equipment to connect to a nurse practitioner that is located at a different site. This allows us to offer additional services not otherwise available in a typical school nurse visit. We encourage families to visit our center and check out our new telemedicine system. We'd love to give you a tour!

As we begin this new process, our staff has changed. We are thrilled to welcome Melanie Drier, RN, School Nurse, who brings many years of experience and is looking forward to meeting all of our clients and their families. Cheryl Gunther, Nurse Practitioner, will be working in the new Gaylord Blue Devil Wellness Center located in the Gaylord High School. Melanie and Cheryl will collaborate using the telemedicine program to provide comprehensive medical services in Pellston. Rachelle Rife, LPC, Licensed Professional Counselor, will continue to provide mental health services in Pellston.

Wellness & medical appointments with the School Nurse will be available Monday through Friday during the school year. Mental Health services will be available Monday through Friday during the school year and on a part-time basis in the summer.

The Hornet Health Center will continue to offer services similar to those we have provided since we first opened the clinic in 2010.

Among many others, services include:

- Mental health services (individual, family and group counseling)
- Care for acute illness and minor injuries, such as strep throat, ear infections, rash, etc. (Prescriptions provided through telemedicine)
- Basic laboratory services and tests
- Health Assessments and Risk Reduction
- Immunizations
- Primary care services through the use of telemedicine equipment

All children need a signed Parent/Guardian Consent Form on file to be seen. Please complete the enclosed consent form and return to the Hornet Health Center at Hornet Health Center, 172 N. Park Street, Pellston, MI 49769. If you need additional consent forms, please call us at (231) 539-8550 or toll-free at 1-800-432-4121.

We look forward to assisting you in the future! To make an appointment, please call us today at (231) 539-8550 or toll-free at 1-800-432-4121. Or visit our website: <http://www.nwhealth.org/cahc.html>. If you have any questions about the changes at the Hornet Health Center, you may contact Erika Van Dam, Director of Community Health Services, at (231) 347-5832.

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The staff at the Hornet Health Center



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