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New Website to Assist Those Needing Affordable Health Care

March 10, 2009 – Kingsford, Michigan. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) today announced a new website offering information to Michigan residents on how and where to find low cost or free health care. The website, www.michigan.gov/healthcarehelp, is another tool Michigan residents can use for finding and accessing affordable, quality health care, especially during these current economic conditions.

“With many Michigan residents struggling in these difficult economic times, our health care safety net can play an important role in offering services to those most in need,” said MDCH Director Janet Olszewski. “It is important that people be made aware of these valuable safety net services. We are pleased to offer this new resource that will help our residents identify important services that are available to assist them.”

The website acts as a portal for finding free or low cost health care resources available throughout Michigan. The site links to pages with information on a variety of programs including community health centers, free clinics, community mental health service programs, community dental care programs, assistance with prescriptions, breast and cervical cancer screening and treatment programs, local public health departments, family planning, information on Medicaid enrollment, and a number of other resources. In many cases, the site links to directories or lists by Michigan County to help people locate nearby help with health care.

This site offers information on programs from within MDCH, other Michigan state departments and from agencies outside of state government. To learn more about programs and initiatives specific to MDCH, please visit the website at www.michigan.gov/mdch.

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