What is Health Care for the Homeless?

Hennepin County’s Health Care for the Homeless provides a variety of health and wellness services to homeless individuals. It operates medical clinics at 11 different shelters and drop-in centers in Minneapolis to address health concerns; provide treatment including medications; coordinate health care services; provide health education; and coordinate access to health and social services in the community.

Who is eligible?

Any homeless adult or child living in situations such as:

- outside or on the street,
- in shelter or transitional housing,
- with friends or relatives (“doubled-up” or “couch hopping”) or
- currently housed but was homeless within the last year.

Health Care for the Homeless accepts most insurances, and we provide sliding fee scales for low-income or uninsured individuals. Clinic services will not be denied based on inability to pay.

How are clients referred?

If you know a homeless individual who needs medical care:

- Have the person call 612-348-5553 or
- Direct the person to a Health Care for the Homeless clinic site listed below.

Where can clients get services?

Health Care for the Homeless operates in several locations in Minneapolis. Appointments aren’t required, but we recommend calling to confirm the clinic is open. You can call the individual clinic (see list below) or the main phone number: 612-348-5553.
Respite Program for the Homeless

In addition, Health Care for the Homeless operates a Respite Program that provides a shelter bed and nursing care for homeless individuals recovering from illness or injury or who have recently been released from the hospital.

Individuals must meet additional eligibility criteria for the Respite Care Program. To make a referral, call 612-236-5916.