



# 2018 ASPIRUS KEWEENAW HOSPITAL & Clinics COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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# Executive Summary

A Community Health Needs Assessment is an important tool used to identify the health needs of a community. The results assist in prioritizing health needs that lead to the allocation of appropriate resources and the creation of new partnerships to improve the health of the population.

The 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is a bold new initiative led by the six local health departments serving the 310,000 residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula region and their 26 community partners. For the first time, all U.P. counties will not only have a robust assessment in hand, they will also have the ability to look at similarities and differences across the region.

The CHNA will provide U.P. policy makers, stakeholders and residents with a vast pool of data which can serve as a springboard for a thoughtful, data-driven Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Not only does the current data tell us where we are on a number of community health issues; it can also serve as a baseline against which to measure the progress made as communities implement program and policy changes. On-going CHNA, done every three years, will inform regional efforts for decades to come.

The purpose of Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics' Community Health Needs Assessment is to:

- 1) Assist in identifying priority health needs of the areas served by Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics, and aligning organizational resources to meet those needs.
- 2) Comply with newly established requirements enforced by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and based on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) enacted in March 2010.

*The PPACA law requires all 501(c)(3) hospital organizations to conduct a "Community Health Needs Assessment and prepare a corresponding implementation strategy once every three taxable years."*

# Executive Summary

This report is divided into four distinct sections that fulfill the requirements of the PPACA.

**Aspirus Keweenaw Organization and Overview:** This includes a description of Aspirus Keweenaw, a definition of the community, and an overview of the demographics of the communities that Aspirus Keweenaw serves.

A listing of local health services can be found in Appendix A. Service area demographics on a broader scope can be found in Appendix B.

**Regional CHNA Development Process:** This includes an outline of the large-scale collaboration to develop a regional health assessment for the Western U.P. and Iron County, Wis. It also includes information on how all of the data was obtained and the process that was used for identifying priorities that meet the health needs of our communities.

**Regional and Local Priorities and Health Needs:** This includes the determination of the priority areas and a listing of the major health needs of the entire community, including minority groups, uninsured, and low-income persons.

**Implementation Strategy and Goals Locally:** The second half of Aspirus Keweenaw's CHNA includes an outline of the target strategies and activities that will serve to meet the needs identified in the overall assessment.

*NOTE: All data used in the 2016 Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment is referenced from the 2017 Western Upper Peninsula Health Needs Assessment.*



# Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics



## Our Mission

We heal people, promote health and strengthen communities.

## Our Vision

Aspirus is a catalyst for creating healthy, thriving communities, trusted and engaged above all others.

## Our Core Values



**Compassion** – We demonstrate caring in all we do, and cherish the honor of improving lives.



**Accountability** – We commit to our work, recognize our power to make a difference, and embrace the responsibility to advocate for each person we serve.



**Collaboration** – As a team we improve our patients' lives; through partnerships we improve the health of our communities.



**Foresight** – We plan and act today to impact the future, and sustain and grow vital resources for those who need us.



**Joy** – We work with happiness and enthusiasm; we celebrate successes and build a positive environment.

# Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics

## About

Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics is a non-profit, community-directed healthcare organization located in Laurium, Mich., with clinics and outreach services in Laurium, Calumet, Houghton, and Lake Linden. Aspirus Keweenaw is part of the Aspirus, Inc. hospital and clinic network headquartered in Wausau, Wis. As a rural, critical access hospital with 25 beds, Aspirus Keweenaw provides a broad range of inpatient and outpatient services and 24/7 access to emergency care.

Additional services provided by Aspirus Keweenaw include family medicine, women's health, heart care, cancer care, orthopedics, general surgery, urology, ear-nose-throat, outpatient therapies, and eye care.

In Fiscal Year 2018, Aspirus Keweenaw admitted 1,320 patients and treated 6,538 patients with emergency medical needs.

Other community health services and resources available in Houghton and Keweenaw counties are listed in Appendix A.



Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital



Aspirus Houghton Clinic



Aspirus Outpatient Therapies & Fitness Center



Aspirus Laurium Wellness



Aspirus Lake Linden Clinic

# Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics

## Demographics and Description of Communities Served by Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics

Aspirus Keweenaw primarily serves the communities of Houghton and Keweenaw counties. The hospital is located in Laurium, Mich., and is bordered by Lake Superior on the north, east and west sides. See Diagram A.



Diagram A

**The primary service area encompasses a population of more than 38,858 (according to the U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey).**

The population of Houghton and Keweenaw counties has remained stable for decades due to economic vitality supported by Michigan Technological University, high-tech business incubators, school systems, and small business. Larger generations of people, previously supported by vast copper and iron mining operations, have transitioned to this relatively stable population. Healthcare in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties is the fourth largest employer.

In Houghton County, 16.1 percent of the population is over 65 years of age, and, in Keweenaw County, the number is 31.1 percent. The shift to an aging population continues gradually. In Houghton County, 18 percent of the population is under 18, and, in Keweenaw County, it's 26.3 percent. Birth rates in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties have remained stable for decades. In Keweenaw County 3.6 percent of the population is under 5 years of age. That number is 5.2 percent in Houghton County.

# Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics

Many U.P. counties are designated as Health Shortage Population Areas.

County	Primary Medical Care HSPA	Dental Health Care HSPA	Mental Health Care HSPA
Alger	Native American Tribal Population Low-Income Population	Native American Tribal Population Medicaid Eligible Population	Native American Tribal Population Entire Geographic County
Baraga	Native American Tribal Population	Native American Tribal Population Medicaid Eligible Population Entire Geographic County	Native American Tribal Population Entire Geographic County
Chippewa	Native American Tribal Population Low-Income Population	Native American Tribal Population Medicaid Eligible Population Entire Geographic County	Native American Tribal Population Entire Geographic County
Delta	Low-Income Population	Medicaid Eligible Population Entire Geographic County	Entire Geographic County
Dickinson	None	Entire Geographic County	Entire Geographic County
Gogebic	Low-Income Population	Native American Tribal Population Medicaid Eligible Population	Native American Tribal Population
Houghton	Low-Income Population	Low-Income Population	Entire Geographic County
Iron	Low-Income Population	Medicaid Eligible Population	Entire Geographic County
Keweenaw	Low-Income Population	Medicaid Eligible Population	Entire Geographic County
Luce	Low-Income Population	Medicaid Eligible Population	Entire Geographic County
Mackinac	Native American Tribal Population Low-Income Population	Native American Tribal Population	Native American Tribal Population Entire Geographic County
Marquette	Low-Income Population	Medicaid Eligible Population	None
Menominee	Entire Geographic County Native American Tribal Population	Medicaid Eligible Population	Entire Geographic County
Ontonagon	Low-Income Population	Medicaid Eligible Population	Entire Geographic County
Schoolcraft	Low-Income Population	Medicaid Eligible Population	Entire Geographic County

*Additional demographic information can be found in Appendix B.*



# CHNA Development Overview

## Regional and Local Community Health Needs Assessments

This report brings together data and analysis from a regional community health needs assessment led by Western U.P. Health Department in conjunction with all other U.P. local public health departments and 26 additional partners who care deeply about the health of the Upper Peninsula's more than 300,000 residents.

All partners, including the project's largest funder, the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, have contributed their energy, ideas and dollars to make this regional health needs assessment possible on an unprecedented scale – across 15 counties. The partners are listed alphabetically below:

Aspirus Iron River Hospital	Munising Memorial Hospital
Aspirus Ironwood Hospital	Northcare Network
Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital	Northpointe Behavioral Health Systems
Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital	OSF St. Francis Hospital
Central U.P. Planning & Development Regional Commission	Pathways Community Mental Health
Chippewa County Health Department	Public Health of Delta & Menominee Counties
Copper Country Community Mental Health	Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital
Dickinson County Healthcare System	Superior Health Foundation
Dickinson-Iron District Health Department	Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center
Gogebic County Community Mental Health	Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions
Helen Newberry Joy Hospital	Upper Peninsula Health Group
Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft District Health Department	Upper Peninsula Health Plan
Marquette County Health Department	U.P. Health System-Bell
Michigan Health Endowment Fund	U.P. Health System-Marquette
Michigan Technological University	U.P. Health System-Portage
	War Memorial Hospital
	Western U.P. Health Department

This report is intended to inform health practitioners, planners, policymakers, and the public. It can be read as a snapshot of the region's health status and used to identify priorities for community health improvement. If knowledge is power, it is hoped that this report will empower citizens and health care professionals alike to work effectively for improved health and wellbeing in the U.P.

# Regional Assessment Process

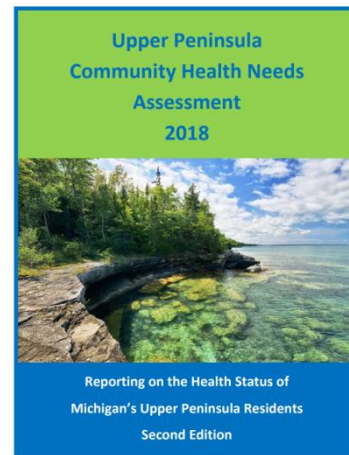
## Collaborative Approach

Development of this Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment followed a similar process to that published in the 2016 assessment. It involved a collaborative process that began in early 2017 and concluded in May 2019.

With the understanding that detailed data about the area's population can be extremely challenging to find because of the region's rural populations, an advisory group from hospitals in the U.P., various local health agencies, and the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department developed a regional health assessment that provided a thorough analysis of the Western U.P. counties and four counties in northeast Wisconsin.

The collaborative 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment represents the largest comprehensive health report ever completed for the region and is a continuation of the 2016 effort.

- ❖ The large scale of the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment offered an initial snapshot of the population's health.
- ❖ The 2018 assessment is more in-depth and provides analytical analysis and trends from the previous report. As a whole, the 2018 report provides the clearest picture of past and current health conditions, changes over the last three years, and insight to future trends.



*Diagram B*

The document you are reading is the **2018 Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics Community Health Needs Assessment**. This report is largely built using data and findings from the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment, pictured in Diagram B, and can be viewed in full at [aspirus.org](http://aspirus.org) or [wuphd.org](http://wuphd.org).

# Regional Assessment Process

## Steering Committee and Team

Throughout the planning and production of the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment, a steering committee of community leaders and subject matter experts met regularly to direct the reporting process. The process included the creation and distribution of a survey to randomly selected residents.

The steering committee was made up of representatives from major cross-sections of the community and experts with a strong understanding of the health needs of our region and rural communities, from the underserved and minorities to the general population. For Aspirus Keweenaw, this includes input from the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department. Representatives from each organization communicated in regular meetings.

# Regional Assessment Methodology

## Data Driven and Statistically Significant

The key data element in the 2018 Upper Peninsula Health Needs Assessment is the community survey which identifies important issues regarding quality of life that had not been measured before the survey was conducted.

- The survey was mailed to 23,800 households across the Western U.P. in August 2017.
- A total of 1,700 randomly selected households in Houghton and Keweenaw counties received a survey.
- A total of 4,820 responses were returned, yielding a 23 percent survey response rate.
- As a whole, the survey produced an impressive 95 percent confidence interval.
- No changes were made to the 2017 survey for use in 2018. The same questions, wording, and format were repeated for comparison purposes.

The 2018 Western Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment includes a significant amount of data indicators across multiple categories relating to health and health factors. Data was compiled from a variety of published sources and healthcare providers. Sources included the U.S. Census, American Community Survey, Michigan Department of Community Health, Wisconsin Division of Public Health, and other government and private agencies.



# Organizing and Prioritizing Data

With all data indicators combined, the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment was broken down into general categories representative of health issues that are often the largest for any population. The breakdown allows for the pinpointing and grouping of similar issues so priority areas can be focused on.

## **U.P. Community Health Issues & Priorities Survey**

U.P. residents intuitively understand that a wide variety of issues impact their health and the health of their community. The top four priority issues identified from among 16 listed concerns were:

- Health insurance is expensive or has high costs for co-pays and deductibles
- Drug abuse
- Lack of health insurance
- Unemployment, wages, and economic conditions

Next, Aspirus Keweenaw and the steering committee cross referenced all data across these general categories to identify **MAJOR PRIORITY AREAS** that encapsulate the overarching health needs of the region and, subsequently, local U.P. counties.

After multiple meetings, discussions and approval, **FOUR MAJOR PRIORITY AREAS** were selected by the steering committee on a regional scale. The goal was for member organizations to continue to work together, add members, and pool resources, leadership, and expertise to develop initiatives with an even greater impact on a regional basis than an individual organization might be able to undertake, especially with limited resources.

# U.P. Region: Four Major Priorities and Health Needs

Below are the four major priority areas outlined in the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment.

- 1 The Importance of Prevention (overarching theme)
- 2 The Impact on an Aging Population
- 3 Expanded Access to Care Via the Evolving Affordable Care Act
- 4 The Powerful Correlation Between Socio-Economic Status and Poor Health

# 1

## The Importance of Prevention

*Note: We approach PREVENTION as the overarching theme for priorities 2, 3 and 4.*

From the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment (page 11):

*“Chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and stroke are the leading causes of death in the U.P. and across much of the globe. Cancer and heart disease alone account for about half of all U.P. deaths. They are also largely preventable. Curtailing tobacco use, obesity and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs alone would dramatically reduce morbidity and mortality among U.P. residents. As noted elsewhere in this document, tobacco is still the leading preventable cause of death in the U.S., but the emerging opioid epidemic is taking its toll in the region through its broad impact on maternal and child health, child abuse and neglect, neonatal drug addiction/withdrawal, incarceration and employment.”*

Below are other factors which lend themselves to prevention and significantly impact health status.

- Half of local deaths are attributed to heart disease or cancer, like Michigan and U.S. rates. Age-adjusted death rates and years of potential life lost below age 75 are similar as well. Adjusted rates of death by cardiovascular disease and trends over time are very similar to state and national data.
- Many people think local cancer rates are higher than in other parts of the country, but the data demonstrate that local age-adjusted cancer incidence (new cancer cases diagnosed per year per 100,000 people) is lower than the Michigan rate. Certainly there are more cancer deaths per Western U.P. Health Department 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment 149 capita in the U.P. than in other parts of the country as a crude, non-age-adjusted rate because the region has a higher proportion of elderly residents. In addition, perhaps the awareness of cancer is greater than that of heart disease because more years of potential life below age 75 are lost to cancer than to heart disease: in small towns, nearly everyone knows someone who has had cancer, and fundraisers for cancer are more common than for other diseases because treatments can be lengthy and expensive.

# 1

## The Importance of Prevention

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- Regional diabetes prevalence is about 11 percent, a rate expected to rise given the dramatic increase in obesity in recent years. Experts predict that one third of today's youth will develop Type 2 diabetes in their lifetimes based on current obesity rates.
- U.P. rates for various behavioral risk factors including tobacco use, obesity, physical inactivity and poor nutrition are troubling. As noted above, current and former tobacco users and people who are overweight or obese are at higher risk of chronic disease and disability.
- Another condition not always considered in discussions of disease and disability is clinical depression, but an estimated 25.6 percent of local adults have been diagnosed with chronic or episodic depression and related diagnoses, which can affect both the quality and duration of life.



## 2

### The Impact on an Aging Population

From the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment (page 11):

*“In the Upper Peninsula, nearly 20 percent of the nonincarcerated population is age 65 or older, compared with 15 percent statewide. In Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties, greater than 30 percent of the population is 65 years or older. Since the chronic disease burden is higher in older adults, and aging adults have greater needs for home health services, assisted living and nursing home care, the shifting of a community’s age distribution toward older cohorts has profound implications on the needs for health care and elder services.”*

# 3

## Expanded Access to Care Via the Evolving Affordable Care Act

From the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment (page 11):

*“Prior to implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2014, 18.5 percent of U.P. residents age 18-64 did not have health insurance. By 2017, that rate had declined to an estimated 7.0 percent due to Michigan’s Medicaid expansion and the newly created health insurance marketplace. Regardless of one’s view of the ACA, it has clearly succeeded in expanding the pool of individuals with health insurance coverage, hence reducing one of the barriers residents experience in accessing healthcare. The impact of on-going amendments to the ACA remains to be seen.”*

# 4

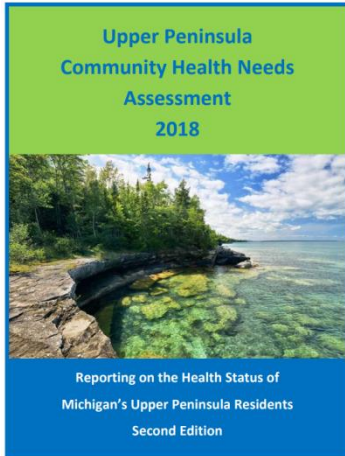
## The Powerful Correlation Between Socio-Economic Status and Poor Health

From the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment (page 11):

*“Although the U.P. spans over 16,000 square miles and comprises approximately one third of Michigan’s land mass, its residents are more alike than they are different. In fact, the reader will note that income and education, i.e. socioeconomic status, are greater determinants of health status and access than geography in the U.P. And, as communities move forward in community health improvement planning, it will be important that non-traditional partners in healthcare be at the table such as educators, volunteer organizations, leaders in the business community, and governmental entities such as city council members, county commissioners and legislators.”*

# Implementation and Goals Locally

**INTRODUCTION:** For the purposes of developing Aspirus Keweenaw's CHNA, and to fulfill the PPACA requirements, Aspirus Keweenaw is using the four overall U.P. priorities as the strategic drivers to enact efforts to provide proactive healthcare services that align to the needs of the communities Aspirus Keweenaw serves.



## REGIONAL: 4 Priorities

- 1 **The Importance of Prevention** (overarching theme)
- 2 **The Impact on an Aging Population**
- 3 **Expanded Access to Care Via the Evolving Affordable Care Act**
- 4 **The Powerful Correlation Between Socio-Economic Status and Poor Health**



**LOCALLY:** Identify implementation strategies and goals that align with the Regional Community Health Needs Assessment in the areas Aspirus Keweenaw serves.



*The following pages demonstrate the implementation strategies identified for the Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment.*



# Four U.P. Regional “Core Theme” Assessment Priorities



Aspirus hospitals and clinics in the Upper Peninsula are collaborating to ensure staff, programs, and resources are focused locally on the core themes identified in the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment.

1

## Target root causes of heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes

1. Nutrition and exercise counseling to reduce prevalence of obesity
2. Diabetes and pre-diabetes screenings, education and personal counseling
3. Smoking cessation for high risk patients
4. Education about access to healthcare and wellness services

Importance of  
**Prevention**

*Overarching Theme*

2

## Increase support for services to manage chronic disease and care for those in need

Impact of Aging Population

3

## Increase programs to make access easy for new patients

ACA=More People With Access To Care

4

## Increase education and counseling to high-risk patients in category

Correlation Between Lower Socio-Economic Status and Poor Health



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# How Aspirus Keweenaw Supports The Four U.P. Regional Assessment Priorities



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## Importance of Prevention

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# Aspirus Keweenaw Implementation Strategies

*Supporting Overarching Theme: "Importance of Prevention"*



## GOAL #1 :

**Provide education and information on healthy living for prevention and awareness of chronic diseases.**

## STRATEGIES :

- Provide nutrition education to children and families through initiatives in local school programming, clinical services, and through public relations communications to the community.
- Collaborate with local school districts to provide healthy eating/nutrition education through classroom curriculum support or other school health events.
- Attend 3-5 community events to provide healthy eating/ nutrition prevention information.
- Participate in local health fairs to promote healthy eating for prevention of chronic diseases.
- Continue to promote and offer monthly diabetes support group which is open to the public and free-of-charge with at least 6-8 participates at each meeting.
- Promote fitness and nutrition by attending at least 50% of the outreach events offered to our community members

## HEALTH NEEDS BENEFIT :

By providing healthy eating education in the school system, we can reach entire families to provide support that will encourage the making of better food choices and increase knowledge of available weight management programs that may dramatically improve their health.

Additionally, the tone and temperament of outreach with Aspirus, using our cultural promise of passion for excellence and compassion for people, allows for greater visibility of other health services including regular doctor visits and well-child checkups.



# Aspirus Keweenaw Implementation Strategies

*Supporting Overarching Theme: "Importance of Prevention"*



## GOAL #2 :

**Support and provide the community with a fitness location and programs that work towards preventing chronic disease and other health concerns in our local population. Increase facility usage by 5%.**

## STRATEGIES :

- Collaborate with insurance programs that offer assistance and discount membership rates.
- Expand visibility of senior fitness to providers and the community through promotion of the Silver Sneakers Program. Increase Silver Sneakers participation by 5% per year.
- Promote fitness and nutrition by attending at least 50% of the outreach events offered to our community members.
- Have fitness trainers contributing motivation and education in at least 5 community outreach events per year.
- Collaborate with at least two healthcare providers per year to encourage fitness as one of the prescriptions for patients with drug abuse or addiction issues.

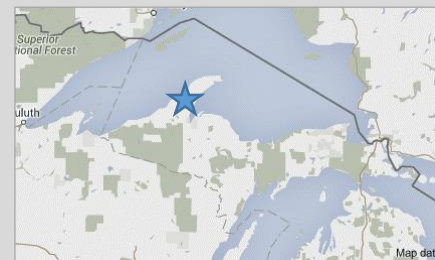
## HEALTH NEEDS BENEFIT :

Direct engagement is a proven key driver when using fitness to hardwire a daily wellness outlook in individuals. People who participate in physical activity are less likely to suffer from chronic heart conditions, diabetes, and obesity.



# Aspirus Keweenaw Implementation Strategies

*Supporting Overarching Theme: "Importance of Prevention"*



## **GOAL #3 :**

**Continue to support the diabetes education program through offering a variety of avenues for education to the community.**

## **STRATEGIES :**

- Offer one-on-one sessions on diabetes education in our diabetes clinic with a Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, and a Certified Diabetes Educator. Also offer medical management group classes through the clinic.
- Continue to promote and offer a monthly diabetes support group which is open to the public and free of charge with at least 6-8 participants at each meeting.
- Continue to have the Aspirus Keweenaw Diabetes Clinic support a foot care clinic which is specially formatted for diabetes patients.
- Make smoking cessation treatment information a consistent part of every visit for patients who smoke. Patients seeking medical treatment and education via a provider will be referred to Kirk Klemme, MD.

## **HEALTH NEEDS BENEFIT :**

The prevalence of diabetes in Houghton and Keweenaw counties continues to be an alarming 10.2 percent. In the past three years alone, Aspirus has provided over 400 patients with diabetes assistance and self-management education. Patient satisfaction with our efforts is strong and we must continue this valuable service to the community.





# Aspirus Keweenaw Implementation Strategies

*Supporting Overarching Theme: "Importance of Prevention"*



## GOAL #4 :

**Focus on substance abuse epidemic related issues and provide education and treatment options for the community locally.**

## STRATEGIES :

- Offer self-referral and referral visits to a local addiction/substance abuse clinic for residents seeking treatment for substance abuse and addiction related problems.
- Work in conjunction with local resources such as the court system, Great Lakes Recovery Center, Dial Help, and Phoenix House to work together to make services readily available for those needing treatment locally.
- Provide substance use prevention education on a biannual basis for local schools and community members.

## HEALTH NEEDS BENEFIT :

More than half of Western U.P. adults are current or former smokers. While public messaging programs can have a positive effect, we feel that direct patient consultation and information exchange during regular healthcare visits is a vital reinforcement.



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# Aspirus Keweenaw Implementation Strategies

*Supporting Overarching Theme: "Importance of Prevention"*



## GOAL #5 :

**Reach 50 percent of Houghton and Keweenaw county population annually with “how-to” information regarding positive disease prevention behaviors and access to services.**

## STRATEGIES :

- Feature patient stories in publications and outreach regarding early screening and life-saving success. In particular, focus on stories related to heart disease and cancer.
- Collaborate with local healthcare organizations in providing direct-to-person encounters teaching the early warning signs of stroke.
- Promote directly to at-risk patients, as well as the general population, through media and community outreach regarding access to online screeners for heart and cancer issues.
- Engage women with motivational outreach programs at least 2 times per year (Aspiring Women) regarding important women’s health-related topics on health and prevention.
- Cross-communicate prevention access at community outreach efforts. For instance, at an orthopedic pain seminar, share information on pre-diabetes and cancer screening access.

## HEALTH NEEDS BENEFIT :

In rural Upper Michigan, healthcare messaging has been traditionally focused on the availability of doctors and the locations of clinics and hospitals. While this is still important, a shift towards messaging that emphasizes prevention should help foster healthier lifestyle practices and reinforce behaviors that can reduce risk factors and disease prevalence in the community.



# Aspirus Keweenaw Implementation Strategies

Supporting Overarching Theme: "Importance of Prevention"



## How Strategies and Goals Support Each Priority Area with Importance of Prevention as Overall Theme

### GOAL #1 :

Provide education and information on healthy living for prevention and awareness of chronic diseases.



**Impact of Aging Population**  
Increase support for services to manage chronic disease and care for those in need

### GOAL #2 :

Support and provide the community with a fitness location and programs that work towards preventing chronic disease and other health concerns in our local population. Increase facility usage by 5%.



**ACA= More People With Access To Care**  
Increase programs to make access easy for new patients

### GOAL #3 :

Continue to support the diabetes education program through offering a variety of avenues for education to the community.



**Correlation Between Lower Socio-Economic Status and Poor Health**  
Increase education and counseling to high risk patients in category

### GOAL #4 :

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### GOAL #5 :

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# Adoption of Implementation Strategy

The Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital Board of Directors is comprised of individuals from Houghton and Keweenaw Counties and the Aspirus, Inc. system. The Board approves the implementation strategy priorities identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment planning process. This report was prepared for the **June 21, 2016**, Board of Directors meeting and was approved.

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*“We would like to thank all of our community partners who work together to identify and address the health needs throughout our community. In particular, we thank the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department and administration who worked tirelessly to facilitate the development of the 2018 Upper Peninsula Community Health Needs Assessment.”*



# Appendix A

## Available Health Services and Resources

A listing of health services and resources available in Houghton and Keweenaw counties is provided in this appendix. Additionally, Aspirus Keweenaw's hospital and clinics each have an informational resource binder for front-line staff to assist patients with health services and resources needed.

Aspirus Keweenaw is a member of the Copper Country Human Services Coordinating Body (CCHSCB), and often refers patients to their 2-1-1 service line.

## Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital & Clinics - Locations

**Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital**  
205 Osceola Street  
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**Aspirus Lake Linden Clinic**  
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Lake Linden, MI 49945  
(906) 296.5040

**Aspirus Laurium Clinic**  
205 Osceola Street  
Laurium, MI 49913  
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**Aspirus Houghton Clinic**  
1000 Cedar Street.  
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**Aspirus Laurium Wellness**  
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Houghton, MI 49931  
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## **U.P. Health System – Portage Locations**

Hancock	(906) 483.1000
Houghton	(906) 483.1777
Lake Linden	(906) 483.1030
Ontonagon	(906) 884.4120
University Center	(906) 483.1860

## **Durable Medical Equipment**

*Hospital Beds, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Commodes, Hoyer Lifts, Etc.*

### Loan Closets (free-of-charge or low-cost)

Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Community Action Agency  
(906) 482.5528

St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store  
(906) 482.7705

Salvation Army Store  
(906) 482.4596

### Local Retail Outlets

Apria Healthcare  
(906) 482.3041

Apothecary Home Medical Equipment  
(906) 483.1290

Wright & Filippis, Inc.  
(800) 232.1143

Aspirus Home Medical Equipment  
(906) 337.6557

**Respite Care**

Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Community Action Agency  
(906) 482.5528

**Assistance for End-of-Life Care**

Aspirus At Home  
(906) 337.5700

UP Health System - Portage Home Care & Hospice  
(906) 483.1160

Omega House  
(906) 482.4438

**Adult Day Care**

Harmony Gardens Adult Day Center  
(906) 337.3992

**Resource Information**

Long Term Care Connection  
Dial 2-1-1  
(800) 338.1119

American Cancer Society  
(800) 469.0149

**Home Nursing Services**

Aspirus At Home  
(906) 337.5700

Portage Health Home Care & Hospice  
(906) 483.1160

**Nursing Homes**

The Lighthouse at Hancock Health and Rehab  
(906) 482.6644

Houghton County Medical Care Facility  
Kim Salmi, Administrator  
(906) 482.5050

The Lighthouse of Hubbell  
906) 296.3301



PortagePointe  
(906) 483.1300

**Financial Assistance**

Medicaid – Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Houghton County (906) 482.0500

Keweenaw County (906) 337.3302

Medicare – U.S. Social Security Administration

(906) 482.9656

(800) 772.1213

Children's Special Health Care Services

Western U.P. Health Department

(906) 482.7382

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

(906) 482.6045

(800) 562.7860

Medical Access Program – Western U.P. Healthcare Access Coalition

(906) 482.7122

**Meal Service**

Senior Nutrition Program – Meals on Wheels

(906) 483.1155

**Assisted Living**

Adult Foster Care Homes

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

(906) 482.0500

Garden View Assisted Living & Memory Care

(906) 337.0800

The Bluffs Senior Community

(906) 483.4400

**Senior Citizen Housing**

Centerline Apartments

(906) 296.0070

(906) 482.5811

Golden Horizon Apartments

(906) 337.1401

Laurium Housing Commission

(906) 337.2306

Maple Lane Apartments

(906) 296.0713

Park Avenue Apartments

(906) 337.0005

Rustic Meadows

(906) 296.0713

**Home Aide Services**

Adult Home Help Services

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

(906) 482.0500

Homemaker Aide/Personal Care

Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Community Action Agency

(906) 482.5528

(906) 337.4805

Aspirus At Home

(906) 337.9500

UP Health System - Portage Health Care

(906) 483.1170

Long-Term Care Connection

Dial 2-1-1

(800) 338.1119

UPCAP Care Management

(906) 482.0982

**Victims of Abuse and/or Neglect**

Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home  
(906) 337.5632

Dial Help, Inc.  
(906) 482.4357

Adult & Children's Protective Services  
(906) 482.7558

Aspirus Keweenaw Home Medical Equipment  
Laurium (906) 337.6557  
Houghton (906) 487.1710

**Transportation**

Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Community Action Agency  
(906) 482.5528

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly  
Hancock (906) 482.6944

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
(906) 482.0500

DAV VAN – Houghton County Veterans Affairs  
(906) 482.0102

B&B Wheelchair Transportation  
(906) 281.7202

Hancock Public Transit  
(906) 482.3450

Houghton Public Transit  
(906) 482.6092

Community Action Bus Service  
(906) 370.7433

## **Counseling Services**

American Pregnancy Association

(800) 672.2296

Copper Country Community Mental Health

Houghton (906) 482.9400

Calumet (906) 337.5810

Indigo Creek Counseling Center

(906) 487.7458

Life Outreach Center

(906) 482.8681

Lutheran Social Services

(800) 677.7410

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network

(800) 656.4673

Psychology Associates

Bob Sharkey, PhD, LP

Susan Donnelly, PhD, LP

(906) 337.6839

## **Substance Abuse**

Western UP Assessment Services, Inc.

(906) 482.7473

Western U.P. Health Department

(906) 482.7382

Phoenix House, Inc.

(906) 337.0763 – Men

(906) 337.3556 – Women

Pathways – NorthCare Network

(800) 305.6564

New Day Treatment Center

(906) 353.8121

**Lifeline**

Lifeline Emergency Response  
(906) 483.1170

**Support Groups**

Alcoholics Anonymous  
(906) 482.4357 (482.HELP)

Adult Caregivers Support Group  
(906) 337.5700

Al-Anon  
(906) 482.4357

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders  
(906) 482.4880

Cardiac/Diabetes Support Group  
(906) 337.6598

Phoenix House, Inc.  
(906) 337.0763 – Men  
(906) 337.3556 – Women

Pathways – NorthCare Network  
(800) 305.6564

New Day Treatment Center  
(906) 353.8121

Community Coalition for Grief & Bereavement  
(906) 337.5700

Diabetes Education  
Deborah Gruver, FNP-C  
(906) 337.6560

Diabetes Support Group  
Deborah Gruver, FNP-C  
(906) 337.6327

**Dial HELP, Inc.**  
**(906) 482.4357**

**Vulnerable Adult Services**  
**(800) 996.6228**

**Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly**  
**(906) 482.6944**

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
**(906) 482.4357**

**Multiple Sclerosis**  
**(800) 291.2494**  
**(906) 296.0933**

**Parent HELP Line**  
**(800) 942.4357**

**Parkinson's Support Group**  
**(906) 337.5700**

**Senior Helpline**  
**(906) 482.4357**  
**(906) 562.7622**

**SMART Recovery**  
**(906) 482.4357**



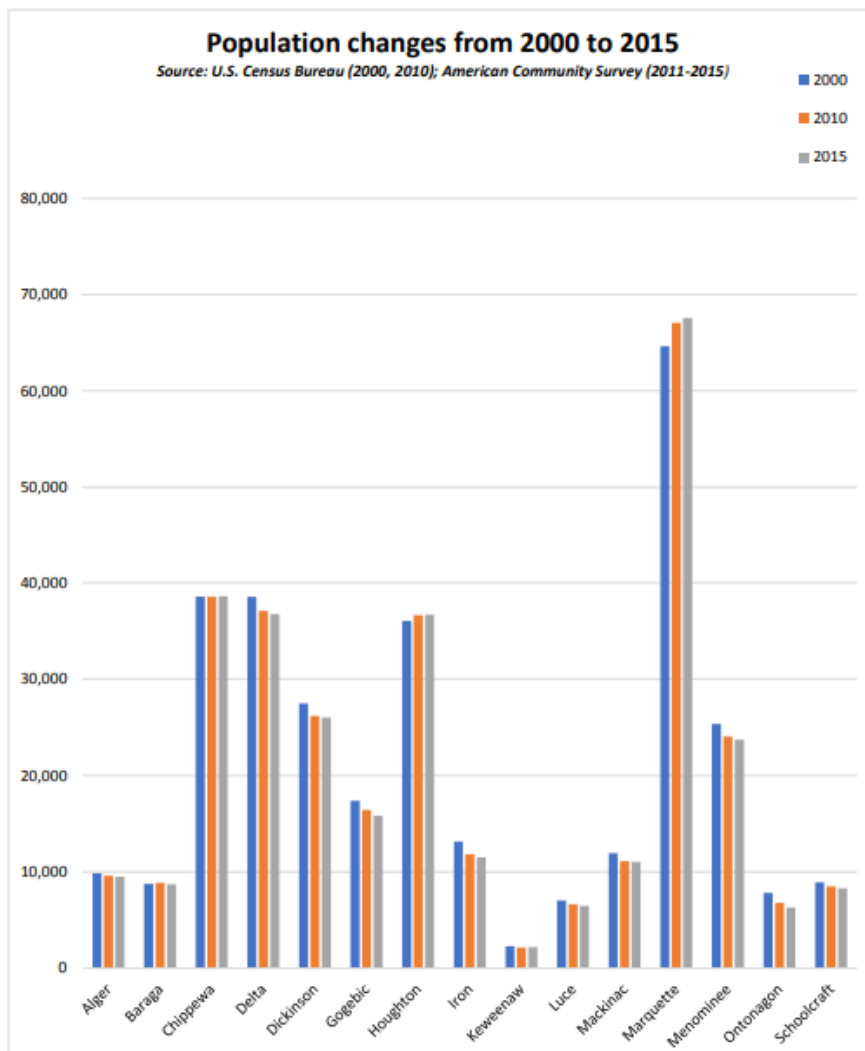
# Appendix B

## Service Area Demographics

The following demographic charts are used from the Regional CHNA and compare the six Western U.P. counties, the four Wisconsin border counties whose residents access health services in Michigan, and, in most cases, the Michigan average. Aspirus Keweenaw’s primary service area is Houghton and Keweenaw Counties.

## Population Change

<b>Population changes from 2000 to 2015</b>				
<i>Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000, 2010); American Community Survey (2011-2015)</i>				
	2000	2010	2015	% Change (2000 to 2015)
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>9,938,444</b>	<b>9,883,640</b>	<b>9,900,571</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Alger	9,862	9,601	9,476	-3.9
Baraga	8,746	8,860	8,690	-0.6
Chippewa	38,543	38,520	38,586	0.1
Delta	38,520	37,069	36,712	-4.7
Dickinson	27,472	26,168	26,012	-5.3
Gogebic	17,370	16,427	15,824	-8.9
Houghton	36,016	36,628	36,660	1.8
Iron	13,138	11,817	11,507	-12.4
Keweenaw	2,301	2,156	2,198	-4.5
Luce	7,024	6,631	6,477	-7.8
Mackinac	11,943	11,113	11,044	-7.9
Marquette	64,634	67,077	67,582	4.6
Menominee	25,326	24,029	23,717	-6.4
Ontonagon	7,818	6,780	6,298	-19.4
Schoolcraft	8,903	8,485	8,288	-6.9



Marquette County is the region's most populous county. Keweenaw County has the state's smallest population; Luce County is second-smallest statewide after subtracting its prison population, but Ontonagon County will soon challenge Luce for second-smallest.

## Race and Ethnicity

	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Two or more races	Hispanic or Latino
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>14.0%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Alger	85.7%	7.7%	2.6%	0.1%	3.8%	1.3%
Baraga	73.8%	4.5%	18.5%	0.6%	2.5%	1.3%
Chippewa	71.6%	6.7%	14.9%	0.9%	5.6%	1.6%
Delta	94.2%	0.3%	2.0%	0.3%	3.2%	1.0%
Dickinson	96.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	1.7%	1.3%
Gogebic	90.9%	4.6%	2.4%	0.5%	1.5%	1.2%
Houghton	93.6%	0.7%	0.4%	2.9%	2.0%	1.4%
Iron	96.6%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	1.6%	1.7%
Keweenaw	98.4%	0.9%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.9%
Luce	80.4%	8.5%	7.1%	0.2%	3.2%	2.6%
Mackinac	75.3%	1.7%	15.8%	0.6%	5.9%	1.4%
Marquette	93.4%	1.7%	1.3%	0.7%	2.6%	1.4%
Menominee	94.7%	0.3%	2.1%	0.2%	2.7%	1.6%
Ontonagon	96.3%	0.3%	1.1%	0.5%	1.5%	1.1%
Schoolcraft	86.9%	0.5%	5.9%	1.5%	5.0%	0.9%