

Kalamazoo Hope

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Medical

Medical care can be difficult to afford or, if one has insurance, locating facilities that accept such benefits can be a barrier. The information in this document is meant to address matters that are usually considered physical, or not relating to one’s mental health, even though mental and physical health interrelate.

For information related to psychological health, please see the Treatment document.

Kalamazoo Hope is meant to act as a directory, and is not intended to be used as a substitute for working with a trained and certified/licensed professional. In addition, payment methods and accepted insurance can change; please contact the provider in question for the most accurate data.

Of Importance:

As this page deals with topics of a health related nature, some information may be discomfoting to certain individuals.

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1) Dental

[Family Health Center](#) – uses a sliding scale and accepts Medicaid.

[Kalamazoo Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, P.C.](#) – Medicaid (Delta Dental).

[Michigan Community Dental Clinics](#) - this organization accepts Medicaid and Medicare; while the closest location is in Three Rivers of St. Joseph County, [Metro Connect](#) and the [St. Joseph County Transportation Authority \(SJCTA\)](#) can be utilized to reach this facility. Accepts Medicaid and has a discount plan for certain individuals.

[Mouth Healthy \(American Dental Association - ADA\)](#)

[Paul M. Blank, D.D.S.](#) – accepts Medicaid

2) Facilities

[Ascension Borgess Hospital](#) – takes Medicaid, Medicare, and has a [financial assistance program](#).

[Battle Creek VA Medical Center](#)

[Bronson](#) – accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and has financial counselors to help one find potential payment resources.

[Family Health Center](#) – takes Medicaid, Medicare, and has a sliding scale.

[Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department](#)

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[Western Michigan University \(WMU\) Homer Striker M.D. School of Medicine \(formerly MSU-KCMS\)](#)

3) Hearing

[Connect Hearing](#)

[Constance Brown Hearing Centers](#) – accepts referred Medicare patients, some forms of Medicaid, and occasionally receives grants which can assist patients.

[Hearing Specialists of Kalamazoo](#) – takes Medicare and works with [Michigan Rehabilitation Services](#) to obtain reduces fees.

4) Hospices

[Grace Hospice](#)

[Heartland Hospice Care](#)

[Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan](#)

[SouthernCare Hospice Services](#)

5) Medical Care Assistance

[Is my test, item, or service covered? \(Medicare\)](#)

[MedicAlert Foundation](#)

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[Medicare Supplier Directory \(Medicare\)](#) - aids in finding locations that accept Medicare for various products, such as wheelchairs, oxygen equipment, and diabetic items.

6) Medical Marijuana

Due to the sensitive nature of this matter, it is suggested that all legal aspects be verified with a trained and licensed legal specialist. The [Kalamazoo County Bar Association](#) and [Legal Aid of Western Michigan](#) can provide access to free/low cost legal assistance.

In addition, while having certain medical benefits, individuals prone to addiction can be severely influenced by medical marijuana. Medical marijuana may also conflict with certain mental health treatments, such as prescription medicines.

[Michigan Holistic Health](#)

[Michigan Medical Marijuana Program Division \(Patients/Caregivers\)](#)

[Michigan State Police Legal Update #103](#) – an overview of information regarding the legal use of medical marijuana

[Michigan State Police Legal Update #122](#) – using medical marijuana in a vehicle on private and public property.

[People v. Koon \(Michigan Supreme Court, 2013\)](#) – a ruling which concluded that it is **legal to operate a vehicle in Michigan while one is using medical marijuana**, so long as said substance is not influencing the abilities of the driver. Note: MSP Legal Update #96 states such an activity is illegal; said update discusses the appeals court decision on the matter, which was reversed by the Michigan Supreme Court; this change is discussed in [Michigan State Police Legal Update #103](#).

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7) Mobility and Prosthetics

For information related to this topic, please see the Access, Mobility, and Transportation document.

8) Provider Locators

[HealthGrades](#)

[Medicare Physician Compare \(Medicare\)](#) - this search engine helps one locate individuals in varying fields who accept Medicare.

[UCompareHealthCare](#)

[Vitals](#)

9) Reproduction/Sex

Just because one has a psychological condition does not mean they do not have perspectives regarding sex, a sex drive, or are incapable of sexual activity; people with psychological conditions can be capable of expressing and enjoying physical intimacy, just as those without a condition can (should they want and choose to).

[Abstinence – What is Abstinence \(Opt\)](#)

[Alternatives](#)

[Caring Network \(Catholic Charities – Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo\)](#)

[Community AIDS Resource and Education Services \(CARES\)](#)

[Kalamazoo County HIV/AIDS Counseling, Testing, Educational Services](#)

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[Kalamazoo County Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic](#)

[Natural Family Planning \(Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo\)](#)

[Opt – Options for Sexual Health](#)

[Planned Parenthood Kalamazoo Health Center](#)

[Undercover Condoms](#) – allows one to privately order a variety of contraceptive products and receive them with inconspicuous packaging.

[What are different types of contraception? \(U.S. National Institute of Health\)](#)

10) Vision

[America’s Best Contacts & Eyeglasses](#)

[August Optical](#)

[Costco](#) – requires a store membership.

[Free White Cane Program \(National Federation of the Blind – NFB\)](#) – provides free canes to individuals with visual restrictions; the [request form](#) requires [Adobe Acrobat Reader DC](#) to view.

[Hiemstra Optical](#)

[Kalamazoo Ophthalmology, P.C.](#) - accepts straight Medicaid and Medicare.

[Longe Family Optical](#) - accepts Medicare and Medicaid (combo, straight for one individual, and Meridian Health Plan of Michigan).

[Meijer Optical](#) – currently, only the South Westnedge Meijer provides vision service.

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[No-fee personal identification card policy \(Michigan Department of State\)](#) - cancels the fee associated with obtaining a Michigan I.D. for visually impaired individuals.

[Portage Family Vision Care](#)

[Pearle Vision](#)

[Rx Optical](#)

[Sam's Club](#) – requires a store membership.

[Sears Optical](#)

[Walmart](#)