

Adolescents Health Care ACT



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AN ACT concerning adolescents' health care in urban communities whose households do not have the income nor transportation to provide the proper care for their child.

Be it enacted by the Youth Model of the State of New Jersey that people under the age of 18 are granted access to receive free check-ups, bloodwork, and other healthcare needs via a mobile healthcare vehicle. To receive free check-ups, blood work, yearly shots, etc.

Section I: Definitions

1. As used in this act:
 - a. Pediatric Mobile Health Clinic: a customized, mobile healthcare unit that travels to communities to provide healthcare services, often to underserved or remote areas.
 - b. The Department of Health: The U.S. federal government agency responsible for protecting the public's health and providing important services, especially for people in need.
 - c. Low Income: find the definition for this
 - d. NAP program: provided financial assistance in the form of direct payments to eligible providers affected by certain natural disaster events.
 - e. 330 Grants: the primary source of federal funding for community health centers authorized under section 330 of the Public Healthcare Service Act
 - f. Urban Community: a dense population area typically a city or town characterized by a high connection of human structures, residential, commercial, and nonresidential land uses, and a variety of social and economic activities.
 - g. Phlebotomy: training that is received in medical school that provides information on how to conduct blood work
 - h. Minor Consent Authorization Form: a legal document that authorizes a designated individual to make medical decisions for a child when the parent or guardian is unavailable
 - i. New Jersey Department of Health: a state agency focused on improving population health by strengthening New Jersey's health system, overseeing health care facilities, and public health services,

with a mission to protect public health and promote healthy communities.

- j. New Jersey Office of Management and Budget: oversees the implementation of their vision across New Jersey focusing on budget development and execution, management of agency performance, and coordination of federal regulations and policies.

Section II: The Pediatric Mobile Clinic Services, Scheduling, and Equipment.

1. The Pediatric Mobile Clinic establishment will consist of many services, scheduling, and equipment needed for this pediatric mobile clinic.
 - a. Services the mobile clinic will provide for every child are sports and back-to-school physicals, vision screenings, immunization, routine physical exams, minor injury treatment, and referrals.
 - b. Scheduling for the mobile clinic changes through a weekly cycle. There is a list of cities that the clinic will start from North Jersey to South Jersey and every week they are in different urban communities for three days Thursdays through Saturdays for 6 hours a day.
 - c. The equipment that will be needed for the mobile clinic will consist of doctor equipment that the doctor would need such as otoscopes, thermometers, blood pressure monitors, glucometers, stethoscopes, otoscopes, and flu shot doses.

Section III: Employment

1. Employment for the Pediatric Mobile Clinic is very important since we will need as many people as can fit on the truck since we are not sure of the exact number of children that will require these services, especially depending on the city population of families with low income in these urban communities.
 - a. Medical assistants will help the nurse practitioner with providing supplies and setting the sessions up for each patient in their proper location.
 - b. Two Nurse Practitioners will be needed since they are trained to give shots to these children of fiction
 - c. CDL (Commercial Driver's License) This person will drive the Clinic once a week since it is going to be a big commercial truck that will be moved to a direct city every week.

Section IV: Cost of The Pediatric Mobile Clinic

1. The Pediatric Health Center will be eligible to apply for the NAP funding to purchase and operate a Pediatric Mobile Health Clinic without a permanent brick-and-mortar site.
2. Estimated cost for a truck the size of Medium Duty Box Truck is estimated to be \$30,000, only three trucks will be provided since this is a really expensive establishment, which should come around \$200,000.
3. The cost for employment in each truck will be for two nurse practitioners \$56 for each nurse and hour and one medical assistant \$20 an hour.

4. Must require operational costs for two nurse practitioners and one medical assistant per truck including the hourly wage will cost \$153.
5. The cost of medical equipment needed for treatment and care should amount to \$200,000 per truck.

Section V: Parental Consent Forms

1. Parental consent is required to treat a child since they will be under the age of 18 years old. Parents must follow the confidentiality privacy laws and complete the Minor Consent Authorization Form to ensure that they can protect their child's information and treat them to the best ability.
 - a. Since this is a clinic for children and not adults there would be a process to enroll your child and make sure they are eligible for our care when they live in the area. We can not help children from other cities outside the locations we are targeting,
 - b. If a child's parent fills the form online or in person the parent is not required to stay. We are not obligated to treat major injuries when a child is sent to the hospital.

Section VI: Promotion of The Mobile Pediatric Clinic

1. To promote our mobile pediatric clinic we would start by providing these services to schools, community centers, and youth organizations to bring attention to the mobile clinic so parents start to learn about the services we offer for their child/ children.
 - a. End of the school year mobile clinics will arrive at local schools with a large population of families that have low income to target this audience to make it more appealing to this demographic to bring more families like them to our mobile pediatric clinic.

Section VII: Is this program beneficial for the urban communities?

1. The mobile pediatric health clinic will also be a great way to collect information for the city and overall the state. We can monitor if this program ensures that people utilize the state's help for healthy care, and we can monitor the effectiveness of the program. Reporting the information to The Department of Health detailing our program's effectiveness in making sure that more kids get the health care they need to go to school.

Section VIII: Regulations

1. This section will consist of Regulations that people must follow from the Department of Health for the authority and regulations necessary for enforcing The Adolescent Health Act.
 - a. Our mobile clinic shall require a permit since we are going to park in local areas that are easily accessible, usually in a downtown area or an urban community since these are very easy and common to get to.
 - b. According to federal law, we must maintain records of people children we treat to ensure they are kept up to date every year

- c. Must include an annual register action fee since these are required for health care facilities that are mobile
- d. We must make sure that we have a Certificate of Need for our pediatric perfection to assure the parents, kids, and state that we are ensuring that their child is getting the proper care they need.

Section IX: Funding Sources

1. The funding for this state-provided pediatric mobile clinic for New Jersey could use a combination of federal grants, and donations.
 - a. We will require federal grants that New Jersey would provide for child health which is Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
 - b. Donations are also accented with engaging private donors, organizations, and community stakeholders can help with the funding and support of our development.
 - c. State Budget coming from the New Jersey Department of Health and or New Jersey Office of Management and Budget.

Effective Date:

This Bill comes into effect on July 1st, 2027.

Statement of Intent:

My reason for pursuing The Adolescents' Health Care Act is to provide accessible, free healthcare services for children under the age of 18 years who live in urban communities, with low-income households. Mobile health clinics will provide services such as physical exams, yearly shots, and minor injury treatment. This act will ensure that every child can receive the care they need no matter their background.

Author's Note:

The clinic will start from North Jersey to South Jersey and every week they are in different urban communities to ensure that there is a long enough time frame for the parents to ensure they don't miss out on this great opportunity for their child. As an advocate for child health care, I believe that it is essential to not limit children from the proper care they need. The mobile pediatric clinic is a great solution to ensure every child in New Jersey can get the health care they need at no cost to them or their parents.

Fund Summary:

The Pediatric Mobile Clinic program will require three medium-duty box trucks with an estimated cost of \$30,000 pre-truck. The clinic will be staffed by two nurse practitioners and one medical assistant per truck. The total estimated hourly cost for the staffing per truck will be \$153. In addition, medical equipment for this such as otoscopes, thermometers, flu shot doses, etc comes to around \$200,000 per truck. Funding will go through a combination of Federal grants such as the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). State budget from the New Jersey Department of Health, and finally our private donations. This funding will cover the cost of our overall cost of an estimated amount of one million dollars.