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## **Three New Insurances Accepted by SWNPHD**

**McCook-** Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) is pleased to announce the approval of three new insurance companies. “Coventry, Tricare and United Healthcare insurance are now accepted for services at SWNPHD,” explains Myra Stoney, Director, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department. “We also accept private payment and can bill Medicare, Blue Cross Blue Shield or Midlands Choice insurance companies.”

SWNPHD offers multiple services: free blood pressure checks, school shots, shingles & pneumonia shots, numerous vaccinations, TB testing, lead testing, flu shots and blood draws. Southwest also coordinates Vaccines for Children, a program that provides free immunizations to eligible children, 18 years old and younger. Free immunizations are also available to adults who meet certain criteria.

“If you have missed your community health fair, we are able to do blood draws the last Tuesday of every month,” states Melissa Propp, RN, SWNPHD Public Health Nurse. “Prevention is the key to good health and these tests will help identify potential health issues. To schedule an appointment, call us at 308-345-4223.”

SWNPHD will conduct the following tests: General Panel which includes Complete Blood Count (CBC), Comprehensive Metabolic Profile (CMP) and Thyroid (TSH). Additional tests available are: Lipid Profile, Prostate (PSA), and Hemoglobin A1C. “If you have questions about any of the lab tests we conduct, please call us or email: [nurse@swhealth.ne.gov](mailto:nurse@swhealth.ne.gov),” shares Propp.

Many kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and incoming freshman college students are requiring immunizations and Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department can give shots daily. Call to confirm your time slot.

More information on insurance acceptance, immunizations, lead testing and lab services are available at [www.swhealth.ne.gov](http://www.swhealth.ne.gov) and you can follow us on Facebook or Twitter. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, one block north of Arby's. Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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