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Eau Claire Area School District Establishes Clinic for Employees

Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) has teamed up with Marshfield Clinic and Security Health Plan to establish a healthcare clinic aimed at lowering healthcare costs for the school district and its employees.

"Like most employers, healthcare costs are a significant part of our budget," said Mary Ann Hardebeck, Ph.D., Superintendent. "We wanted to find a solution that would give our employees access to care and help us manage costs. The dedicated clinic will help us do that."

Marshfield Clinic Clairemont Center, as the new employee healthcare clinic is called, is designed and staffed to help manage the healthcare needs of ECASD employees, family members, and retirees.

The medical care team at the Clairemont Center includes physicians and nurses as well as health and wellness coaches.

"By bringing together medical practitioners and health and wellness coaches in the same setting, we can help employees get the care they need and help them maintain their health through wellness goals," said Dr. Hardebeck. "The team can identify people with health risks and coordinate care more effectively."

School district employees and family members will not incur any out-of-pocket costs for care received at Marshfield Clinic Clairemont Center.

"We are very excited to make it easier for employees to access care, while helping hold down healthcare costs for the district," she said.

Security Health Plan, which provides the district's health insurance, sees the employee clinic as a way to help lower overall medical costs for the district. By eliminating out-of-pocket costs for care at the employee clinic, employees are likely to seek care early and avoid costly complications that might arise later.

Extended weekend and evening hours at the employee clinic are meant to make it easier for school district employees to make appointments and get care, thereby eliminating missing extended time from work.

Marshfield Clinic Clairemont Center, located at 1002 W. Clairemont Avenue, opened December 1, 2014, to serve ECASD employees, their family members, and retirees covered under the school district's health plan.