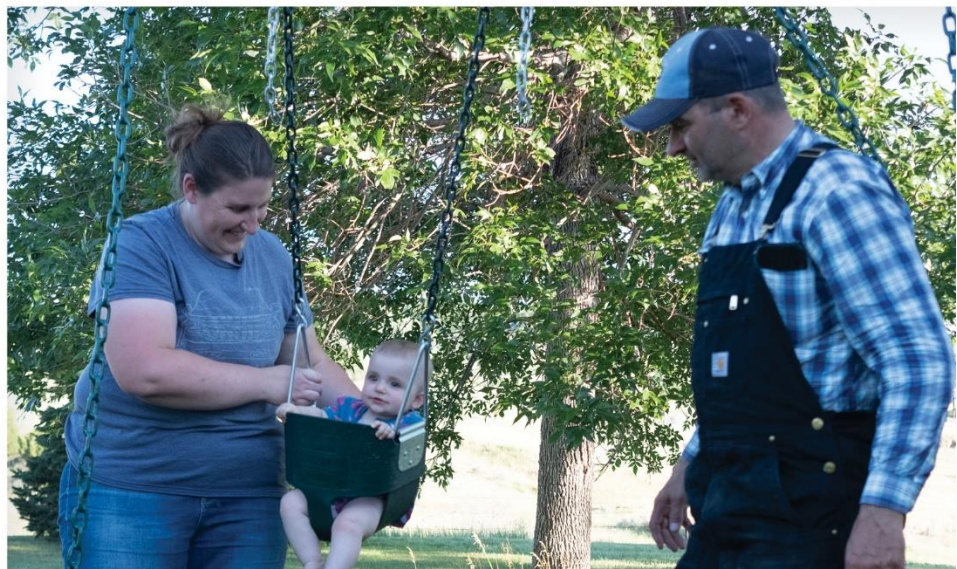




# Community Health Needs Assessment

BLACK HILLS SURGICAL HOSPITAL  
2026-2028



Dear Community Members,

It is my privilege to share with you the inaugural Community Health Needs Assessment report and Implementation Plan for Black Hills Surgical Hospital. As a non-profit organization, this effort reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting the community and enhancing the health and well-being of all who live here.

The report and implementation plan represents the culmination of a thoughtful and collaborative process that sought the input from residents and leaders, and organizations over the past year. We also partnered with Sanford Health and the North Dakota State University Center for Social Research, whose independent analysis helped shape a clear picture of the community's current health needs.

Together, the community input and independent assessment highlight key areas of opportunity, potential partnerships with local businesses and organizations, and available resources to help address these needs.

On behalf of the entire Black Hills Surgical Hospital team, thank you for your support of the Community Health Needs Assessment process.

Sincerely,

Kyle Wiese  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Black Hills

## BACKGROUND

### Community Description

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Rapid City is a vibrant community of more than 77,000 residents, making it the second largest city in South Dakota. It serves as the county seat of Pennington County, which has a population of nearly 110,000. Founded in 1876 by a group of miners attracted to the Black Hills gold rush, Rapid City was named for the nearby Rapid Creek and soon became known as the “Gateway to the Black Hills.” Its location at the crossroads of regional trade routes and its proximity to Mount Rushmore, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and the Black Hills National Forest have made Rapid City a vital center for commerce, tourism, and culture in western South Dakota.

Today, Rapid City’s economy is diverse and dynamic, with more than 3,000 businesses spanning multiple sectors. Major employers include Monument Health, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City Area Schools, Black Hills Energy, and South Dakota Mines. Key industries include healthcare, education, tourism, manufacturing, construction, and retail trade.

The community as defined for purposes of the Community Health Needs Assessment includes Pennington County, SD and includes medically underserved, low-income or minority populations residing in the areas from which the facility draws its patients. Community members were included in the definition of community, regardless of their ability to pay for care. Demographic detail for the county is included in the appendix.

### Partners

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The Community Health Needs Assessment builds on the work of previous cycles and is the result of the coordinated efforts of many internal and external partners. Sanford Health would like to thank and acknowledge the following and their teams for their assistance. This program would not be possible without their expertise.

### Community Partners

We express our gratitude to the following community collaborative members for their expertise during the planning, development and analysis of the community health needs assessment:

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## **Black Hills Surgical Hospital Description**

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Black Hills Surgical Hospital is a 28-bed specialty hospital located in Rapid City, South Dakota, the county seat of Pennington County and the primary economic and healthcare hub for western South Dakota. The hospital serves residents from across the Black Hills region, including portions of Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska.

Black Hills Surgical Hospital provides a wide range of surgical and diagnostic services, including orthopedics, neurosurgery, spine surgery, general surgery, gynecology, urology, podiatry, and pain management. The hospital also offers comprehensive imaging services, including MRI, CT, and digital mammography, as well as an advanced inpatient unit and 24-hour nursing care. BSHS is consistently recognized for exceptional patient satisfaction and quality outcomes and has been ranked among the nation's best hospitals for patient experience.

Black Hills Surgical Hospital and its related facilities employ over 751 staff members and partners with more than 50 surgeons and specialists. The hospital's commitment to excellence, innovation, and compassionate care continues to make it a leading healthcare provider in the region.

## **CHNA Purpose**

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The purpose of a community health needs assessment is to develop a global view of the population's health and the prevalence of disease and health issues. Findings from the assessment serve as a catalyst to align expertise and develop a Community Investment/Community Benefit plan of action. There is great intrinsic value in a community health needs assessment when it serves to validate not-for-profit status and create opportunity to identify and address public health issues from a broad perspective. A community health needs assessment identifies the community's strengths and areas for improvement. A community health needs assessment is critical to a vital Community Investment/Community Benefit Program that builds on community assets, promotes collaboration, improves community health, and promotes innovation and research. It also serves to support progress made toward organizational strategies.

## **Regulatory Requirements**

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Federal regulations stipulate that non-profit medical centers conduct a community health needs assessment at least once every three years and prioritize the needs for the purpose of implementation strategy development and submission in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code 501(r)(3).

The Internal Revenue Code 501(r) requires that each hospital must have: (1) conducted a community health needs assessment in the applicable taxable year or in either of the two immediately preceding taxable years; (2) adopted an implementation strategy for meeting the community health needs identified in the assessment; and (3) created transparency by making the information widely available.

The regulations stipulate that each medical center take into account input from persons who represent the broad interests of the community. Hospitals are required to seek input from at least one state, local, tribal or regional government public health department or state Office of Rural Health, with knowledge, information or expertise relevant to the health needs of the community.

Non-profit hospitals are also required to seek input from members of medically underserved, low income, and minority populations in the community, or organizations serving or

representing the interest of such populations. This includes underserved populations experiencing disparities or at risk of not receiving adequate care due to being uninsured or due to geographic, language or financial or other barriers.

The community health needs assessment includes a process to identify community resources available to address identified and prioritized needs. Hospitals are to address each assessed need or explain why they are not addressing a need. Once needs have been identified and prioritized, hospitals are required to develop an implementation strategy for each. The strategies are reported on the IRS 990 and a status report must be provided each year on IRS form 990 Schedule H.

Finally, hospitals are required to be transparent with the findings and make the written CHNA report available to anyone who requests it. All CHNA reports and implementation strategies are housed on the hospital's website at <https://www.sanfordhealth.org/about/community-health-needs-assessment>. Hospitals must keep three cycles of assessments on their website. This is the first cycle the hospital is required to conduct a CHNA.

Sanford extended a good faith effort to engage all aforementioned community representatives in this process. We worked closely with public health experts throughout the entire assessment process. Public comments and responses to the community health needs assessment and the implementation strategies are welcome on the Sanford website or contact can be made at <https://www.sanfordhealth.org/about/community-health-needs-assessment>.

### **CHNA Process**

Sanford Health, in coordination with public health experts, community leaders, and other health care providers, within the local community and across Sanford's care delivery footprint, developed a multi-faceted assessment program designed to establish multiple pathways for health needs assessment.



### **Limitations**

The findings in this study provide an overall snapshot of behaviors, attitudes, and perceptions of residents living in the community. A good faith effort was made to secure input from a broad base of the community. However, gaps in individual data sources may arise when comparing certain demographic characteristics (i.e., age, gender, income, minority status) with the current population estimates. For example, these gaps may occur due to the difficulty in reaching respondents through the survey process.

To mitigate limitations, the CHNA evaluates community health from several perspectives: a stakeholder and community survey, meetings with community leaders that have special knowledge and expertise regarding populations, secondary data sources such as the U.S. Census Bureau and County Health Rankings, public comments from previous assessments, and institutional knowledge by employees.

### **Community and Stakeholder Survey**

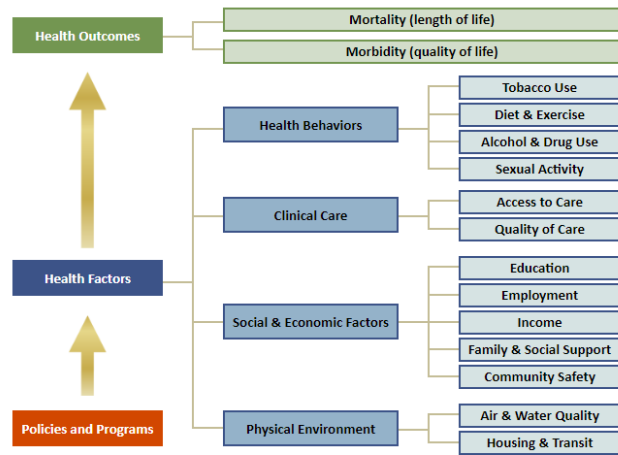
Community residents were asked a series of questions through an online survey designed in partnership with health experts and public health officials across the Sanford footprint to understand health needs. Survey design is based on the UW Population Health Institute model. Each respondent was asked to rate community drivers from poor to excellent. Any response other than excellent was offered a follow-up opportunity to comment on the reason for their ranking. Respondents were also asked a series of questions specific to their health care access, health care quality, barriers to care, travel to care, and insurance. The survey was sent to a sample of the Pennington County populations secured through Qualtrics, a qualified vendor. The full set of questions is available in the appendix. The survey was formally open February 11, 2025-March 19, 2025.

The survey was the first of multiple efforts to engage community stakeholders and elected officials with knowledge and connections amongst medically underserved, low income, or minority populations. Stakeholders were sent the survey and asked to complete the instrument and then forward the survey to their respective populations for greater involvement.

Survey data for the local community should be considered directional and best utilized in conjunction with additional data. A total of 213 respondents from the CHNA area completed the survey. The data was augmented for analysis with responses from other hospitals participating in the CHNA process.

### Secondary Data

County Health Rankings are based upon the UW Population Health model and serve as the main secondary data source utilized for the community health needs assessment. Alignment of the survey and secondary data within the UW Population Health model allows for greater connection of the data sets. Population data are sourced to the U.S. Census Bureau. Additional data sources may be used and are sourced within the document.



County Health Rankings model © 2014 UWPHI

### Health Needs Identification Methodology

The Center for Social Research at North

Dakota State University was retained to develop the initial community health needs list for each community, building upon their involvement during the previous cycle. The following methodology was used to develop the significant health needs presented later in the report:

- Survey data was stratified into representative groups based upon population: large urban communities, medium sized communities, and rural communities. The three groups were analyzed separately. Rapid City is included with Sioux Falls, SD, Bismarck, ND, and Fargo, ND.
- To identify community health care needs, each community's score by question was compared to the average stratified composite of the comparative group. For example, if the composite stratified system-wide average score is 4 and an individual community's average response was 2.5, which would suggest an issue of concern and a potential community health care need to be highlighted in the summary findings.
- Upon determination of a potential strength or need, County Health Rankings (<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>) and responses from open-ended questions provided additional insights into the drivers of the respective needs.

- A similar methodology was also used to provide additional insights into findings from County Health Rankings data with relevant health needs highlighted in the survey findings.
- Health needs identified through either the survey or County Health Rankings data but not both were also included in the findings.
- The Center for Social Research validates the findings of the primary research by engaging at least two internal reviewers. Each reviewer has their own technique and strengths to review the findings; however, they check for accuracy in the data by reviewing the code/syntax, the output, the correct representation of the data in the report, verbiage, consistency, context, and overall readability. Both reviewers also supported previous CHNA reports.

### **Community Asset Mapping**

Asset mapping was conducted to locate community resources available to address the assessed needs. Each unmet need was researched to determine what local resources are available. Once gaps were determined, the prioritization exercise followed with key stakeholder groups determining top needs for their community.

### **Community Stakeholder Meetings**

Community stakeholders and elected officials with knowledge and connections amongst medically underserved, low income, or minority populations were further included in the process during the community stakeholder meetings. The stakeholder meeting was held August 28, 2025. During the meetings, survey findings were presented to community stakeholders. Facilitated discussion commenced and each participant was asked to consider the needs identified that should be further developed into implementation strategies. Health needs identified during the previous cycle but not raised through the survey or County Health Rankings were also considered. The meeting served to inform the group of the findings but also served as a catalyst to drive collaboration and prioritization of local needs.

The participants provided information to answer the following types of questions as it relates to identified needs:

- What are the biggest challenges currently with these needs in the community?
- Does the community have gaps in services, access, outreach, etc.?
- What opportunities exist, where can we have greatest impact in addressing these needs?
- Which are most urgent in nature?
- Is there already work being done on these needs?
- What are the resources currently not utilized within the community that could address this topic?
- Which needs fall within the purview of health care system and which do not? Can the non-healthcare needs be shared with other entities or organizations?
- Is there anything you consider an urgent need that we have not discussed?

Following the meeting the hospital administrator and staff identified the specific health needs to be addressed within the Implementation Plan. Administrator recommendations are based on all factors, including primary and secondary data, input from the community stakeholder meeting, and scalability of current hospital programs and resources to address the identified needs efficiently and effectively. All identified needs not addressed in the implementation plan were shared with other community partners for action.

Hospital leaders contacted the local public health office regarding the CHNA and Implementation Plan.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

### Community Health Outcomes

Survey respondents were asked to rate various issues impacting health in their community and issues impacting their personal health and wellness on the following 1 to 5 scale: 1=poor, 2=fair, 3=good, 4=very good, 5=excellent.

Overall, perceptions among survey respondents in the BSHH market area regarding the following community health issues were positive (average score of 3.00 or higher):

- Access to exercise opportunities (average score=3.86)
- Environmental health (average score=3.61)
- Access to healthy foods (average score=3.50)
- Community safety (average score=3.22)
- Health care quality (average score=3.20)
- Employment and economic opportunities (average score=3.13)
- Quality early child care (average score=3.09)

In addition, average scores of survey respondents in the BSHH area for access to exercise opportunities, access to healthy foods, and quality early child care were each higher than the associated comparison group average.

In contrast, perceptions among survey respondents in the BSHH market area regarding the following community health issues were less than positive (average score of less than 3.00):

- Quality of long-term care, nursing homes, and senior housing services (average score=2.94)
- Access to daily transportation (average score=2.86)
- Affordable housing (average score=2.25)

When asked about their personal health, survey respondents in the BSHH area rated their current health and wellness as good (average score=3.27) (which is slightly higher than the comparison group average) and their current ability to access health care services as slightly better than good (average score=3.46) (which is the lowest average score when compared to similar-sized markets).

CHR data indicate that Pennington County fares slightly worse than the average county in South Dakota for personal health and well-being and for community health conditions. The following areas of concern were identified for further discussion (in no particular order).

### Identified Health Needs

#### Access to Affordable Health Care

Cost and the ability to afford needed health care was identified as the top health care concern that survey respondents and their families in the BSHH area face on a regular basis. In addition, health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs were cited as top reasons for why respondents rated their personal access to health care as poor or fair. For the 22 percent of respondents who indicated that they or a family member did not receive needed medical care in the past year (which is one of the highest rates when compared to similar-sized markets served by Sanford Health), cost and the inability to pay for health care services was cited as the top reason, followed by a lack of health insurance.

Adding to the difficulty in accessing affordable health care in the BSHH area is the economic climate. Survey respondents in the BSHH area rated the employment and economic opportunities in their community as good (average score=3.13); however, the average score is

the lowest when compared to similar-sized markets served by Sanford Health. When respondents who rated the employment and economic opportunities in their community as poor or fair were asked why, responses focused on low wages, inflation, and limited opportunities for employment. These concerns are evident in CHR data that indicate the BSH market area has the highest child poverty rate (16%), the lowest median household income (\$64,387), and the highest percentage of people with low income and limited access to grocery stores and healthy foods (9%) when compared to similar-sized markets. CHR data also indicate that 14 percent of people in the BSH area are uninsured, which is the highest rate when compared to similar markets.

Stakeholder meeting participants discussed the need from an economic and workforce perspective. While the region’s economy is performing well, with strong labor force participation and low unemployment, there are still opportunities to strengthen outcomes. Improving financial literacy and providing better support for individuals pursuing continued education were identified as key areas for growth. One example shared was that some community members may view further education as unattainable, simply because they’re unaware of available resources or how to access them—such as applying for FAFSA. Additionally, the conversation touched on how negative perceptions of healthcare careers, especially in nursing and direct patient care, may discourage students from exploring these critical fields and enhanced income that accompanies advancement. This concern also intersects with broader provider workforce needs noted in the need that follows.

<b>Local Asset Mapping</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Skilled Labor/Employment resources</b></li> <li>• State of South Dakota, Rapid City Job Service Office, 605.394.2296</li> <li>• Helpline Center, <a href="http://www.helplinecenter.org">www.helplinecenter.org</a></li> <li>• Adecco Staffing, 307-686-1124</li> <li>• Elevate Rapid City, <a href="https://www.elevaterapidcity.com/workforce-talent/ecosystem/">https://www.elevaterapidcity.com/workforce-talent/ecosystem/</a> Includes links to apprenticeship training, job placement and employment support services, and staffing and temp agencies. Also includes higher education and career training, student and talent pipeline development, and other targeted services.</li> <li>• Wambli Ska Community Development Okolakiciye, 602-205-5100</li> <li>• SD Works, <a href="https://www.southdakotaworks.org/vosnet/default.aspx">https://www.southdakotaworks.org/vosnet/default.aspx</a></li> <li>• Goodwill Job Center, <a href="https://www.goodwillgreatplains.org/programs/job-center/">https://www.goodwillgreatplains.org/programs/job-center/</a></li> <li>• Senior Community Service Employment Program, <a href="https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/scsep/default.aspx">https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/scsep/default.aspx</a></li> <li>• Elevate Rapid City Career Center, <a href="https://careers.elevaterapidcity.com/">https://careers.elevaterapidcity.com/</a></li> <li>• PeopleReady, 605.341.3978</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prescription Assistance programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CancerCare Co-payment Assistance Foundation 866- 552-6729</li> <li>• Freedrugcard.us</li> <li>• Rxfreecard.com</li> <li>• Medsavecard.com</li> <li>• rxgo.com</li> <li>• Needymeds.org</li> <li>• americasdrugcard.org</li> <li>• Southdakotarxcard.com</li> <li>• mygooddays.org</li> <li>• NORD Patient Assistance Programs – <a href="http://rarediseases.org/patient-assistance/">rarediseases.org/patient-assistance/</a></li> <li>• SD Partnership for Prescription Assistance - <a href="http://pparx.org">pparx.org</a></li> <li>• Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation – <a href="http://panfoundation.org">panfoundation.org</a></li> <li>• Pfizer RX Pathways – <a href="http://pfizerrxpathways.com">pfizerrxpathways.com</a></li> <li>• RXhope.com</li> </ul> <p><b>Health Insurance resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanford Health Plan, 300 N. Cherapa Place, Sioux Falls</li> <li>• SD Medical Insurance Program, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre</li> <li>• Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, 1601 W. Madison Street, Sioux Falls</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Services for Veterans, 605-773-3101</li> <li>• VA Dakotas Regional Benefit Office, 800-827-1000</li> <li>• Career Launch SD by SD Dept. of Labor and Regulation, 605-773-3101</li> <li>• Youth Employment Services by Goodwill of the Great Plains, 712-258-4511</li> <li>• South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, 800-265-9684</li> <li>• Black Hills Special Services Cooperative, 605-347-4467</li> <li>• SD Mines Career Services, 605-394-2667</li> <li>• Black Hills State University Career Development, <a href="https://bhsu.edu/academics/academic-affairs/career-development/index.html">https://bhsu.edu/academics/academic-affairs/career-development/index.html</a></li> <li>• Rapid City Area Schools Workforce Development, 605-394-4035</li> <li>• Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills, (605) 786-8311</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avera Health Plan, 5300 S Broadband Ln., Sioux Falls</li> <li>• Dakota Care, 5300 S Broadband Ln., Sioux Falls</li> <li>• SD Division of Insurance, 124 S. Euclid, Pierre</li> </ul> <p><b>For Additional Resources Reference:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a></li> </ul>
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### Access to Providers and Quality Health Care

Despite survey respondents in the BSHH area rating their own ability to access health care as good (average score=3.46), when they were asked about the most important health care issues impacting their community, access to health care services and providers was the top issue (more so than affordability concerns). And while respondents rated the overall quality of health care in their community as good (average score=3.20), the average score is the lowest when compared to similar markets. While most survey respondents in the BSHH area have a primary care provider, 23 percent do not (which is the highest rate when compared to similar-sized markets). CHR data indicate that when compared to similar-sized markets, the BSHH area has slightly lower/better ratios of population to providers (fewer people per provider), with 913 people for every primary care physician, 1,055 people per dentist, and 306 people per mental health care provider. Despite this coverage, CHR data also indicate that when compared to similar-sized markets, the BSHH area has the lowest mammography screening rate (44%) and the lowest flu vaccination rate (53%).

Nearly two-thirds of survey respondents in the BSHH area indicated that there are health care services they would like to see offered or improved in their community (63%). When these respondents were asked *which* health care services they would like to see offered or improved, most said behavioral and mental health care (50%), followed by addiction treatment (34%), family medicine/primary care (31%), emergency/trauma services (28%), dental care (28%), walk-in/urgent care (25%), long-term care/nursing homes (25%), and cancer care (25%).

The discussion focused on the growing need for additional providers to support access to care across the region. While provider-to-consumer ratios may appear favorable on paper, participants emphasized that these figures likely underestimate actual demand—particularly because the community serves as a destination for care beyond its immediate population. OB/Gyn services were highlighted as an example of this dynamic. The need to attract and retain specialists in the region was also discussed in length. Additionally, the group noted that in certain service lines, such as mental health, consumers may not be fully aware of the

breadth of services available locally, especially within Rapid City.

<b>Local Asset Mapping</b>	
<p><b>Urgent Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oyate Health Center: 3200 Canyon Lake Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Urgent Cre Clinic at Rapid City Medical Center: 2820 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Black Hills Pediatrics: 2905 5<sup>th</sup> St, Rapid City SD, 57702</li> <li>• Monument Health: 2116 Jackson Blvd, Rapid City, SD, 57702</li> <li>• Monument Health Rapid Valley: 2526 Elderberry Blvd, 57703</li> </ul> <p><b>Clinics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monument Health Rapid City Clinic: 640 Flormann St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Rapid City Medical Center Tower Road Clinic: 2024 Tower Rd, Rapid city, SD, 57702</li> <li>• Rapid City Clinic: 6015 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Complete Health: 350 Pine St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Health Concepts: 5410 Sheridan Lake Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Creekside Medical Clinic: 2822 Jackson Blvd, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dakota Premier Medical Clinic: 2006 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> <li>• Medical Arts, 717 Francis St. Rapid City, SD 57701</li> </ul> <p><b>Hospitals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monument Heath Rapid City Hospital: 353 Fairmont Blvd, Rapid City SD, 57702</li> <li>• Black Hills Surgical Hospital: 216 Anamaria Dr, Rapid City SD 57702</li> <li>• Rapid City Medical Center: 2820 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD, 57702</li> <li>• Dakota Regional Medical Center: 2929 5<sup>th</sup> St. Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Rapid CITY Medical Center Llp, 2201 Jackson Blvd, Rapid City SD, 57702</li> </ul> <p><b>For Additional Resources Reference:</b>  <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a></p>

### Healthy Living

In the United States, many leading causes of death and disease are attributed to unhealthy behaviors. For example, poor nutrition and low levels of physical activity are associated with higher risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and obesity. Tobacco use is associated with heart disease, cancer, and poor pregnancy outcomes if the mother smokes during pregnancy. Excessive alcohol use is a risk factor for a number of adverse health outcomes, such as alcohol poisoning, high blood pressure, stroke, sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancy, fetal alcohol syndrome, suicide, interpersonal violence, and motor vehicle crashes<sup>1</sup>.

When survey respondents in the BSHS area were asked about their biggest health care concerns for themselves and their family (concerns they face on a regular basis), chronic health issues along with diet and exercise were top concerns behind affordability. And the most commonly cited chronic health concerns included viral illnesses, the heart, diabetes, and cancer. Diabetes is an important marker for a range of health behaviors. CHR data

<sup>1</sup> University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. County Health Rankings & Roadmaps. Health Promotion and Harm Reduction. Available at <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/health-data/community-conditions/health-infrastructure/health-promotion-and-harm-reduction>

indicate that nearly one in ten adults in the BSHH area has diabetes (8%) and one in three adults has obesity (34%), both of which are similar to the comparison group average.

Regarding tobacco and alcohol usage, CHR data indicate that 18 percent of adults in the BSHH area smoke cigarettes (which is slightly higher than the comparison group average) and 21 percent of adults drink excessively, which is slightly lower than the comparison group average.

Regarding sexual activity, CHR data indicate that the rate of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases in the BSHH area (612 new cases of chlamydia diagnosed per 100,000 people) is substantially higher than in similar-sized markets. In addition, there are 32 teen births per 1,000 teenage girls in the BSHH area, a rate which is two times higher than the comparison group average.

Participants explored the range of state, local, and nonprofit resources available to support medically underserved populations. One example highlighted was Bright Start, a program offered through the South Dakota Department of Health. It connects first-time mothers who meet income eligibility with a nurse who provides guidance and support throughout pregnancy, including help accessing essential services. The group also discussed communication barriers that can prevent underserved individuals from engaging with programs designed to promote holistic, healthy living.

<b>Local Asset Mapping</b>	
<p><b>Substance Abuse resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcoholics Anonymous (many locations)</li> <li>• Narcotics Anonymous meetings (many locations)</li> <li>• Project Recovery: 625 Flormann St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Addiction Recovery Centers of the Black Hills: 1502 Haines Ave, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> <li>• Care Campus: 321 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Native Healing Program: 1205 E St James St, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> <li>• Roads Outpatient Treatment: 103 E Omaha St, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> <li>• City County Alcohol and Drug Pro: 321 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Sweitzer Counseling: 103 Omaha St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• OneHeart: 217 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Passages Place: 125 Denver St, Rapid City SD, 57702</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nutrition resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life INC, 414 East Omaha Street, Rapid City</li> <li>• Move! Weight Management Program, 21 East Omaha Street, Rapid City</li> <li>• Medical Care Coordination, 3650 Range Road, Rapid City</li> <li>• Black Hills Works health and fitness, 3650 Range Road</li> <li>• Monument Health Rapid City Hospital, 353 Fairmont Boulevard, Rapid City</li> <li>• Project Power for Youth, by American Diabetes Association.</li> <li>• Love INC Sturgis, 140 North Street, Rapid City</li> <li>• Peak Wellness: 715 Omaha St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Rapid Energy Nutrition: 420 E St Patrick St, Rapid City, SD, 57702</li> <li>• Superior Nutrition: 651 N Creek Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Nutrishop: 1301 W Omaha St</li> </ul> <p><b>Exercise resources</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black Hills Counselors: 1624 E St Patrick St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Keystone Treatment Center, Canton, SD</li> <li>• Crisis Care Center: 321 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Buffalo Plains Recovery: 405 E Fairlane Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Working Against Violence, Inc. 527 Quincy St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• West River Mental Health: 350 Elk St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Mainstream Mental Health Services: 111 N St, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> </ul> <p><b>Chronic Health resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Health, 350 Pine St, Rapid City</li> <li>• Health Concepts, 5410 Sheridan Lake Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>• Monument Health Rapid City Clinic, 640 Flormann St, Rapid City</li> <li>• Well Beyond Functional Medicine, 3808 Sheridan Lake Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>• SDSU Extention, resources and education on managing chronic illnesses, 711 N Creek Dr, Rapid City</li> <li>• South Dakota Medicaid and CHIP, 221 Mall Dr, Rapid City</li> <li>• Well Beyond Functional Medicine: 3808 Sheridan Lake Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Alternative Health Care: 2024 Jackson Blvd, Rapid City, Sd 57702</li> <li>• Vital Health Solutions: 640 Flormann St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monument Health Sports Performance Institute, 1635 Caregiver Cir</li> <li>• The Workout Warehouse, 2020 Deadwood Ave, Rapid City</li> <li>• Strive Fitness, 5622 Sheridan Lake Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>• Badlands National Park Trails</li> <li>• Evolve Strength and Nutrition Coaching</li> <li>• Grit 44</li> <li>• Custer State Park</li> <li>• Jingle Bell Run, starting at pour 54 Taphouse</li> <li>• OneHeart Annual 5K at Founders Park, Sundance to spearfish Marathon</li> <li>• The Weight Room and Cardio Fitness: Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• MDRN Fitness: 409 Maple Ave. Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Liberty Cetner YMCA, Box Elder, SD</li> <li>• YMCA of Rapid City: 815 Kansas St, Rapid City SD, 57702</li> <li>• Athletic Club: 7800 Albertta Dr. Rapid City, SD, 57702</li> <li>• Rushmore Crossfit: Rapid City SD, 57702</li> <li>• Rapid City Fit Body Boot Camp: Rapid City, SD 57702</li> </ul> <p><b>For Additional Resources Reference:</b>  <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a></p>
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**Mental Health**

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being and affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood<sup>2</sup>.

Nearly two-thirds of survey respondents in the BSHS area indicated that there are health care services they would like to see offered or improved in their community (63%). When

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Mental Health. Available at <https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health>

asked which services specifically, most respondents said behavioral and mental health services (50%) followed by addiction treatment (34%).

According to CHR, adults in the BSH market average 3.7 mentally unhealthy days each month and 11 percent of adults average at least 14 days of mental distress per month (both rates are similar to the comparison group average). One of the most important measures of mental health within a community is suicide. CHR data indicate that there are 26.2 suicides for every 100,000 people in the BSH area, which is the highest rate when compared to similar-sized markets served by Sanford Health.

According to CHR, there are 306 people per mental health care provider in the BSH area (which is slightly lower/better than the comparison group average).

Stakeholders noted that while mental health resources are available in the community, individuals in medically underserved populations may not be aware these services exist. The group discussed the importance of strengthening connections with mental health providers to ensure information is accessible across all care settings, helping to close awareness gaps and improve access to support. Additional provider needs in the space were discussed as part of the broader access to care discussion.

<b>Local Asset Mapping</b>	
<p><b>Substance Abuse resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcoholics Anonymous (many locations)</li> <li>• Narcotics Anonymous meetings (many locations)</li> <li>• Project Recovery: 625 Flormann St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Addiction Recovery Centers of the Black Hills: 1502 Haines Ave, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> <li>• Care Campus: 321 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Native Healing Program: 1205 E St James St, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> <li>• Roads Outpatient Treatment: 103 E Omaha St, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> <li>• City County Alcohol and Drug Pro: 321 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Sweitzer Counseling: 103 Omaha St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• OneHeart: 217 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Passages Place: 125 Denver St, Rapid City SD, 57702</li> <li>• Black Hills Counselors: 1624 E St Patrick St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mental/Behavioral Health resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline</li> <li>• Pivot Point Crisis Stabilization Center: 308 Quincy St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Wellfully: 22 Waterloo St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• LSS Behavioral Health Services: 2920 Sheridan Lake Rd, Rapid City, SD General Helpline: HelplineCenter.org</li> <li>• Mainstream Mental Health Services: 111 North St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Monument Health Behavioral Health Center: 915 Mountain View Rd. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Rapid City Mental Health Professionals: 3939 Canyon Lake Dr. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Bridgewater Behavioral Health: 1770 Rand Rd. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Manlove Brain and Body Health: 636 St Anne St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• West River Mental Health: 111 North St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Black Hills Mental Health: 521 Kansas City St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Artemis Behavioral Health: 2040 W Main St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Crisis Care Center: 321 Kansas City St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Scovel Psychological and Counseling Service: 2902 W Main St. Rapid City, SD</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keystone Treatment Center, Canton, SD</li> <li>• Crisis Care Center: 321 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Buffalo Plains Recovery: 405 E Fairlane Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Working Against Violence, Inc. 527 Quincy St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• West River Mental Health: 350 Elk St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Mainstream Mental Health Services: 111 N St, Rapid City, SD 57701</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bach Counseling Service: 2218 E St Patrick St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Black Hills Psychiatry Associates: 528 Quincy St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Black Hills Counselors: 1824 E St Patrick St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Mott Counseling, LLC: 529 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Rising Hope Counseling, LLC: 1301 W Omaha St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Monument Health Neuropsychology: 677 Cathedral Dr. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• West River Mental Health: 350 Elk St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Sanford Psychiatry and Psychology Clinic: 2400 W 49<sup>th</sup> St. Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Serenity Mental Health Services: 6613 Eastridge Rd, Rapid City, SD</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Tobacco Cessation resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanford Clinics – all locations</li> <li>• Sanford Health Plan (covers meds for smoking cessation), 300 N. Cherapa Place, Sioux Falls</li> <li>• SD Department of Health, 600 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre (many resources)</li> <li>• National Cancer Institute Smoking QuitLine – 877-448- 7848</li> <li>• QuitLine, SDQuitline.com</li> <li>• QuitNow – 800-784-8669</li> </ul> <p><b>For Additional Resources Reference:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a></li> </ul>

**Community Safety**

Accidents and violence affect health and quality of life in the short and long-term, for those both directly and indirectly affected — and living in unsafe neighborhoods can lead to poor physical and mental health outcomes<sup>3</sup>.

Survey respondents rated community safety concerns in the BSH area as good (average score=3.22); however, the average score is the lowest when compared to similar-sized markets served by Sanford Health. When respondents who rated community safety as poor or fair were asked why they did so, respondents cited violence, a rising rate of crime, and concerns around substance abuse. CHR data indicate that when compared to similar-sized markets served by Sanford Health, the BSH area has the highest rate of homicide (6 homicide deaths per 100,000 people), firearm fatalities (18 per 100,000 people), injury deaths (91 per 100,000 people), and juvenile arrests (50 per 1,000 youth).

As discussed during the community stakeholder meeting, improving access to essential services offered through state and local resources could positively influence community safety. An opportunity exists to build care delivery networks that connect individuals with the

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Healthy People 2030. Crime and Violence. Available at <https://odphp.health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/crime-and-violence>

support they need, while also addressing staffing challenges within specific service lines. The community's strong economic and employment foundation provides a solid platform for advancing these efforts.

<b>Local Asset Mapping</b>	
<p><b>Public Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid City Police Department: 300 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Rapid City Fire Department: 10 Main Street, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Fire and Life Safety: Rapid City Fire Department. Free educational presentations focusing on fire and life safety.</li> <li>• Rapid City Fire Department CPR, AED, and First Aid Training</li> <li>• Rapid City Survivable Space Initiative: works with local community to create and maintain landscapes that are more resilient to wildfire impacts, reducing risks to citizens, firefighters, and property.</li> <li>• Rapid City Fuels Module: Employs military veterans and facilitates valuable training, career networking, and hands-on experience for crewmembers, all while reducing the risk to Rapid City neighborhoods and surrounding communities.</li> <li>• Rapid City Wildland Urban Interface Safety Standard: Provides an environment safe from wildfire while maintaining the aesthetic qualities of the native hillside by providing homeowners both knowledge and guidance for Fire Adaptation, home protection, and landscaping.</li> <li>• South Dakota OSHA Consultation Program: Offered through SDSU engineering extension office and provides free safety and health advice to small and medium-sized businesses.</li> <li>• Pennington County Public Safety hub: E. St. Patrick Street, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Alive at 25: defensive driving course for young adults.</li> <li>• National Traffic Safety Institute: Ttraffic Survival workshops.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Children's Home Society of South Dakota's Child Advocacy Center: 5301 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• South Dakota Department of Social Services: 221 Mall Dr, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• South Dakota Department of Public Safety: Public education and information on seatbelts, child safety seats, impaired driving, and teen drivers.</li> <li>• South Dakota Child Safety Seat Program: Provides free child safety seats to eligible families</li> </ul> <p><b>Drug Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Mental Health Asset Map</li> </ul> <p><b>For Additional Resources Reference:</b>  <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Dakota Department of Health Disease prevention Services: 221 Mall Dr, Rapid City, SD</li> </ul>	
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**Long-Term Senior Care**

Safe, quality, and affordable housing is fundamental to a healthy life. Healthy homes can improve lives and provide a foundation of health for individuals and families, but unhealthy homes can just as easily undermine quality of life and even cause poor or substandard health. A safe, quality, and affordable home is paramount to healthy aging<sup>4</sup>.

Respondents in the BSHS area rated the quality of long-term care, nursing homes, and senior housing services as slightly less than good (average score=2.94) – and one in three respondents rated the quality as poor or fair (37%). When respondents who rated the quality of long-term care, nursing homes, and senior housing services as poor or fair were asked why they did so, responses referenced limited or no long-term care availability, staffing shortages for existing facilities, and a sense of poor care overall. In addition, of survey respondents in the BSHS area who would like to see specific services offered or improved in their community, 25 percent said long-term care.

During the stakeholder meeting, the need for affordable senior care and affordable housing to shared were linked to similar challenges. Housing costs continue to rise across the community, whether individuals are renting or purchasing, with factors like interest rates and construction expenses contributing to the trend. While senior care services are available, staffing remains a persistent issue—mirroring workforce challenges faced by many businesses and nonprofits. Although wages in the region have increased, they haven’t necessarily kept pace with the rising cost of housing. One organization at the meeting shared its efforts to develop a new housing community focused specifically on providing affordable homeownership opportunities.

<b>Local Asset Mapping</b>	
<p><b>Assisted Living:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edgewood Rapid City, 4001 Derby Ln, Rapid City</li> <li>Good Samaritan Society, 931 Fox Run Drive, Rapid City</li> <li>Westhills Village, 255 Texas St, Rapid City</li> <li>Fairmont Grand Senior Living, 409 East Fairlane Dr, Rapid City</li> <li>The Village at Skyline Pines, 1050 Fairmont Blvd, Rapid City</li> <li>Peaceful Pines Senior Living, 1760 Tablerock Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>Arrowhead Lodge Senior Living, 224 E Minnesota St</li> <li>Garden Hills Assisted Living, Spearfish SD</li> </ul>	<p><b>In Home Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visiting Angels Senior Home Care, 1301 West Omaha Street, Rapid City</li> <li>Cornerstone Caregiving, 801 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>Black Hills Care Giving, 3423 West Main St, Rapid City</li> <li>Home Instead, 710 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>Stay Graceful Home Healthcare, 1425 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>Good Samaritan Society Home Health, 1851 City Springs Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>State Home Care Services, Hot Springs, SD</li> <li>Heartland Home Health, 330 Knollwood Dr., Rapid City</li> </ul>

<sup>4</sup> The Urban Institute. Housing as a Platform: Strengthening the Foundation for Well-Being. Available at [https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/93606/housing-as-platform\\_1.pdf](https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/93606/housing-as-platform_1.pdf)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theresa Hart Assisted Living, 2303 Michigan Ave, Rapid City</li> <li>• Morningstar Assisted Living, 4120 Windfield Ct, Rapid City</li> <li>• Fountain Springs, 2000 Wesleyan Blvd, Rapid City</li> <li>• Avantara Mountain View, 916 Mountain View Rd, Rapid City</li> <li>• Clarkson Health Care, 1015 Mountain View Road, Rapid City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Caregiving, 1770 Centre St, Rapid City</li> </ul> <p><b>For Additional Resources Reference:</b>  <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a></p>
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**Public Transportation**

Transportation systems help ensure that people can reach everyday destinations, such as jobs, schools, healthy food outlets, and health care facilities, safely and reliably. Public transportation services play an important role for people who are unable to drive, people without access to personal vehicles, children, individuals with disabilities, and older adults<sup>5</sup>.

Respondents in the BSHS area rated community access to daily transportation as slightly less than good (average score=2.86). When respondents who rated community access to daily transportation as poor or fair were asked why they did so, respondents cited few to no public transportation options available in their community. Respondents also indicated that for those who have access to public transportation, routes and hours of operation are extremely limited and inconvenient.

Transportation received limited attention during the stakeholder meeting, as other topics dominated the discussion. However, participants did note that existing transit routes and schedules may not always align well with typical working hours, which could present challenges for those relying on public transportation.

<b>Local Asset Mapping</b>	
<p><b>Transportation resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prairie Hills Transit, 2015 Tumble Weed Trail, Spearfish, SD</li> <li>• Rapid Transit (Rapid Ride and Dial-A-Ride), 333 6th St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Rapid Taxi Inc, 505 E Watertown St, Rapid City, SD</li> <li>• Care-A-Ride <a href="http://www.carearide.com">www.carearide.com</a></li> <li>• City Cab, 1072 SD-44 E, Rapid City, SD</li> </ul>	<p><b>For Additional Resources Reference:</b>  <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a></p>

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Improving Health Through Transportation Policy. Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/transportation/php/about/index.html>

## Affordable Housing

There is a strong and growing evidence base linking stable and affordable housing to health. As housing costs outpace local incomes, households not only struggle to acquire and maintain adequate shelter, but also face difficult trade-offs in meeting other basic needs. When the majority of a paycheck goes toward the rent or mortgage, it can be difficult to afford doctor visits, healthy foods, utility bills, and reliable transportation to work or school. This can, in turn, lead to increased stress levels and emotional strain<sup>6</sup>.

Respondents in the BSH area rated the availability of affordable housing in their community as fair (average score=2.25) – a score which is lower than any other community health issue. When asked to explain why they rated community access to affordable housing the way they did, respondents referenced an increasingly high cost of living in the area, expensive housing (single family homes as well as rentals), limited affordable options, and long waitlists and tough eligibility restrictions for low-income housing.

CHR data indicate that 12 percent of households in the BSH area have severe housing problems (i.e., overcrowded, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities) and 10 percent of households spend at least 50 percent of their household income on housing costs – both rates are similar to the comparison group average.

During the stakeholder meeting, the need for affordable senior care and affordable housing to shared were linked to similar challenges. Housing costs continue to rise across the community, whether individuals are renting or purchasing, with factors like interest rates and construction expenses contributing to the trend. While senior care services are available, staffing remains a persistent issue—mirroring workforce challenges faced by many businesses and nonprofits. Although wages in the region have increased, they haven't necessarily kept pace with the rising cost of housing. One organization at the meeting shared its efforts to develop a new housing community focused specifically on providing affordable homeownership opportunities.

Local Asset Mapping	
<b>Housing resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SD Housing Locator – sdhousingsearch.com</li><li>• Pennington County Housing and Redevelopment Commission: 1805 N Fulton St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Western SD Community Action Agency: 1844 Lombardy Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Pennington County Human Services: 321 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Black Hills Habitat for Humanity: 610 E Omaha St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• NeighborWorks: 330 E Anamosa St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• OneHeart: 217 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li></ul>	<b>Low Income Apartments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Northern Heights Low Income Apartments: 914 Explorer St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Galaxy Apartments – Accessible and affordable housing: 1820 Galaxy Dr. Rapid City, SD, 57702</li><li>• Hartland Heights: 427 Degeest Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Cedar Ridge Town Homes: 4302 Cedar Ridge Pl. Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Sage View Glen: 201 E Minnesota St. Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Maplewood Town Homes: 5 E Knollwood Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li><li>• Meadow Ridge Apartments: 5635 Meadow Ridge Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li></ul>

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Healthy People 2030. Housing Instability. Available at <https://odphp.health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/housing-instability>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western Resources for Independent Living: 909 E St Patrick St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Cornerstone Rescue Misison: 30 Main St, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• SD Housing Authority: Pierre, SD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driftwood Estates: 428 E Fairlane Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Pine Crest Village: 720 Eldene Ln, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Edgewood Estates: 721 Eldene Ln, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> <li>• Churchill Apartments: 215 Kinney Ave, Rapid City, SD 57702</li> </ul>
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**Area of Focus**

The significant health needs noted above were brought forward as topics of discussion at the local stakeholder meeting, which convened a range of community leaders with knowledge of medically underserved, low income, or minority populations. A list of attendees can be found in the introduction. Stakeholders discussed the health needs, potential causes, and provided additional insight for their local populations and community resources. Participants were also encouraged to offer additional needs that may not have been raised during the research process; no additional needs were brought forward.

The Community Health Needs Assessment identified two specific areas for focus for the 2025-2027 implementation cycle:

1. Improve workforce opportunities
2. Healthy Living and Transportation

## Implementation Plan for Prioritized Needs

### **Priority 1: Improve workforce opportunities for the community.**

#### **Current Activities**

Black Hills Surgical Hospital currently employs approximately 200 individuals in the community. The hospital conducts standard recruitment work across the region to fill workforce needs and promote health care as a profession. The merger with Sanford Health creates opportunities to utilize programs developed in other communities, such as the Aspire Program, to augment new initiatives locally to present health care as an opportunity to K-12 and post-secondary students and support opportunities for students to receive the needed education.

#### **Projected Impact**

The priority will increase the number of students, particularly those the economically challenged, that have an introduction into the healthcare profession in addition to increasing opportunities for those currently employed in the field to advance their education. Financial investments by the hospital and community partners will be determined as the programs are developed.

The priority will have a secondary impact on Access to Providers and Quality Health Care.

### **Goal 1: Increase outreach to K-12 institutions to offer healthcare employment opportunities.**

<b>Action/Tactic</b>	<b>Measurable Outcomes &amp; Timelines</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Community Partnerships and Collaborations - if applicable</b>
Launch Aspire program	Students engaged through program  (scope program for potential launch in 2026, including evaluation of opportunities for engaging economically challenged students)	Aspire by Sanford program resources, staff time for program establishment, classroom visits, camps	Human Resources Department, community relations team	Rapid City school districts and evaluate partnership opportunities with current youth organizations
Develop and fund opportunities for kids interested in the healthcare field.	Total shadow hours completed  (Develop leadership committee and program in 2026)	Staff time to develop the program and recruitment of staff to provide	Human Resources, hospital leadership team	Rapid City public and private schools.

	for launch in 2027)	shadow opportunities		
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**Goal 2: Develop career pathway programs for healthcare field in coordination with local post-secondary institutions.**

<b>Action/Tactic</b>	<b>Measurable Outcomes &amp; Timelines</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Community Partnerships and Collaborations - if applicable</b>
Explore expanded nursing program	Establishment of an expanded nursing program in coordination with local post-secondary organizations  (Establish joint leadership committee with hospital leaders and post-secondary institutions in 2026 with goal of funding and launching program as early as 2027)	Staff time	Hospital Leadership Team, nursing leadership staff	Local post-secondary institutions
Provide increased access to clinicals in the Rapid City community	Number of clinical positions offered each year  (Establish joint leadership committee with hospital leaders and post-secondary institutions in 2026 with goal of funding and launching program as early as 2027)	Staff time	Hospital Leadership team, nursing leadership staff	Post-secondary institutions, regional hospitals and physician groups

<p>Engage educational institutions and scholarship organizations to support post-secondary scholarships for critical health care positions, with goal of specific opportunities for medically underserved and/or at-risk populations</p>	<p>Final metrics to be determined. Potential: the number of students participating from the region from economically disadvantaged schools</p> <p>(Explore engagement opportunities with Build Dakota and post-secondary institutions in 2026 for potential engagement in 2027</p>	<p>Staff time, potential financial investment</p>	<p>Hospital Leadership team</p>	<p>Build Dakota Scholarship Fund, regional hospitals and physician groups, post-secondary institutions</p>
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**Priority 2: Healthy Living and Public Transportation**

**Current Activities**

Black Hills Surgical Hospital supports healthy living and public transportation needs of the community through various partnerships. The organization has an arrangement with Prairie Hills Transit to provide transportation services to patients. The hospital also invests and sponsors several events throughout the year to encourage activity and exercise. These events include funding children’s sporting activities, community walks, the Mickelson Trail Marathon, and others across the community. Black Hills Surgical Hospital recently merged with a local primary care physicians group and will work to further extend healthy living and preventative care services.

**Projected Impact**

Execution of the priority will increase the availability of upstream interventions that have a positive impact on healthy living, with a particular emphasis on addressing barriers for residents that do not have readily available access to resources. Additionally, the work will increase the integration of community organizations and resources into the electronic medical record to improve the coordination between clinicians and external agencies.

The priority will have a secondary impact on Access to Providers and Quality Health Care.

**Goal 1: Support infrastructure developments to increase physical activity**

Action/Tactic	Measurable Outcomes & Timelines	Resources	Leadership	Community Partnerships and Collaborations - if applicable
Seek community investment opportunities to increase healthy activity options.	Final metrics to be determined based upon identified opportunities. Potential: number of children or adults impacted by zip code.  (Create steering committee in 2026 to identify meaningful community investment opportunities)	Staff, investment resources	Hospital leadership team, community relations team	TBD

**Goal 2: Address accessibility challenges for at-risk residents.**

<b>Action/Tactic</b>	<b>Measurable Outcomes &amp; Timelines</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Community Partnerships and Collaborations - if applicable</b>
Work with the city to increase public transportation options to wellness opportunities	Transportation availability by zip code.  (Meet with city leaders in 2026 to identify appropriate engagement opportunities for the hospital to increase transportation availability. Explore patient-level opportunities to coordinate transportation for those identified through Findhelp tool in 2027 as data is available following transportation organization recruitment. (see below)	Staff time, potential investment funds, data sharing as allowed	Hospital leadership staff, patient access representatives, care coordination staff	City and County transportation officials, transportation organizations identified in the asset map
Launch Findhelp in the community as an integrated assistance identification tool for economically disadvantaged and medically underserved residents	User engagements, claimed organization pages  (Integrate <a href="https://sanford.findhelp.com/">https://sanford.findhelp.com/</a> into EMR and recruit organizations to claim pages in 2026. Launch campaign to make residents aware of assistance programs in 2027)	IT, Care Management and local staff resources, financial investment to be determined, communication campaign	Hospital and Care Management resources	Community organizations that can claim their pages for coordinated resource sharing and follow up

**Needs Not Addressed**

Needs identified during the CHNA process that are not prioritized in the preceding implementation plan were deemed to be less urgent in nature, are being addressed by other community individuals, resources, or organizations, or the hospital does not currently have the appropriate resources to prioritize the work at this time. Although not included in the Implementation Plan, the hospital supports efforts to address community needs, such as viewing the information collected within the Community Health Needs Assessment as a community benefit and sharing survey and assessment information with community

partners to support the expansion or establishment of programs that reduce community needs. Additionally, Sanford Health further supports through its findhelp resource tool that informs patients and consumers of national and local resources. In 2022, the organization implemented findhelp, an online tool to incorporate contact and referral information to connect community-based organizations with patients to meet their health related-social care needs. The system is available to the health care team and as a public facing site for self-navigation to consumers.

### **Access to Affordable Health Care**

Access to affordable health care is not included in the Implementation Plan as it was determined to be a lower priority for purposes of the CHNA. Following the merger, Black Hills Surgical Hospital is working to build upon the hospital's previous success by integrating with Sanford Health's services to address affordability and access. Patient financial services works with uninsured patients to enroll them in appropriate programs and health plans to assist with costs.

### **Access to Providers and Quality Health Care.**

Access to affordable health care is not included in the Implementation Plan as it was determined to be a lower priority for purposes of the CHNA due to it being included as a secondary impact to the identified priorities. Increasing workforce opportunities and increasing access to upstream drivers of healthy living will positively impact access and quality for residents, particularly medically underserved.

### **Mental Health**

Mental Health is not included in the Implementation Plan as the current specialties offered through the surgical hospital have a relative lack of expertise or competencies to effectively address the need compared to other providers in the community. Information from the CHNA has and will continue to be shared with organizations that can effectively address the need. Resources, such as the launch of Findhelp, within the healthy living priority could have a positive impact on mental health as those in need of services are connected with community organizations.

### **Community Safety**

Community Safety is not included in the Implementation Plan as other facilities or organizations in the community are addressing the need. The hospital maintains a positive working relationship with organizations and will continue to provide support as needed. Members of organizations positioned to affect community safety participated in the community stakeholder meeting. The hospital remains committed to sharing resources and findings that resulted from the CHNA with community partners as requested.

### **Long-Term Senior Care**

Mental Health is not included in the Implementation Plan as the current specialties offered through the surgical hospital have a relative lack of expertise or competencies to effectively address the need compared to other providers in the community. Sanford Health offers senior housing services at three locations in Rapid City and New Underwood, SD. Home health services are also available through the organization. Representatives from Good Samaritan, the senior care department of Sanford Health, participated in the community stakeholder meeting.

### **Affordable Housing**

Affordable Housing is not included in the Implementation Plan as the current specialties offered through the surgical hospital have a relative lack of expertise or competencies to

effectively address the need compared to other providers in the community. As noted above, Sanford Health offers senior housing through Good Samaritan and the hospital.

## EVALUATION OF 2023-2025 CHNA

The 2026-2028 report is the first Community Health Needs Assessment completed by the hospital.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The Community Health Needs Assessment, Implementation Plan, and survey data are available online at <https://www.sanfordhealth.org/about/community-commitment/community-health-needs-assessment>. The website includes current and historical reports.

Anyone wishing to receive a free printed copy, obtain information on any topic brought forth in the report, or offer public comments for consideration during the implementation plan or future Community Health Needs Assessment work, please contact us at [Community.Benefits.Sanford@SanfordHealth.org](mailto:Community.Benefits.Sanford@SanfordHealth.org)

## APPROVAL

The information presented in the Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan were approved by the hospital's Board of Directors on November 12, 2025. The Sanford Health Board of Trustees approved CHNA and Implementation Plans at their December 2025 meeting.

## APPENDIX

### Expanded Demographics

Pennington County is the second most populous county in the state at nearly 116,000 residents. The county has a slightly higher share of residents aged 65 or older. The county has a sizable Native American community, totaling nearly 8% population. Additionally, the county has a higher share of Hispanic or Latino residents.

The county has a slightly higher per capita income and Median HH income than South Dakota. However, the uninsured rate is higher compared to the state.

Fact	Pennington County <sup>7</sup>	South Dakota <sup>8</sup>
Population estimates	115,979	919,318
Persons under 18 years, percent	22.0%	24.10%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	20.8%	18.00%
Median Age <sup>9</sup>	40.2	38.5
White alone, percent	89.8%	84.20%
Black or African American alone, percent	0.8%	2.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent	7.8%	8.50%
Asian alone, percent	1.6%	1.80%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent	0.0%	0.10%
Two or More Races, percent	10.2%	2.80%
Hispanic or Latino, percent	6.1%	4.90%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	76.8%	80.70%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+	N/A	6.50%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+,	94%	92.70%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+	35.8%	30.40%
Persons without health insurance, under age 19-64 years, percent	11.5%	9.80%
Per capita income <sup>10</sup>	\$42,081	\$40,263
Median HH income <sup>11</sup>	\$74,893	\$71,810

<sup>7</sup> <https://data.census.gov/table>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts>

<sup>9</sup> <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/05000US46103-pennington-county-sd/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/05000US46103-pennington-county-sd/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/05000US46103-pennington-county-sd/>

## **Community Health Needs Assessment Survey**

The survey tool was delivered online via Qualtrics. The survey questions in printed format are presented below as a reference. Surveys made available in English, Spanish, Somali, and Sudanese.

Thank you for your interest in the Community Health Needs Assessment. Your confidential responses are vital to helping understand the factors driving the health needs of the community.

### **RESIDENCE**

Please enter your county of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter your zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current age? \_\_\_\_\_

### **COMMUNITY**

**How would you rate the quality of HEALTH CARE available in your community?**

Poor

Fair

Good

Very Good

Excellent

Don't Know

**In your opinion, what is the most important HEALTH CARE issue your community faces?**

**How would you rate the quality of LONG-TERM CARE, NURSING HOMES & SENIOR HOUSING services in your community?**

Poor

Fair

Good

Very Good

Excellent

Don't Know

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate the quality of CHILDCARE, DAYCARE & PRE-SCHOOL services in your community?**

Poor

Fair

Good

Very Good

Excellent

Don't Know

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate the availability of AFFORDABLE HOUSING in your community?**

Poor                  Fair                  Good                  Very Good                  Excellent                  Don't Know  
                                                                                         

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate the ability of residents to ACCESS DAILY TRANSPORTATION in your community?**

Poor                  Fair                  Good                  Very Good                  Excellent                  Don't Know  
                                                                                         

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate your community's EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES?**

Poor                  Fair                  Good                  Very Good                  Excellent                  Don't Know  
                                                                                         

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate your community as being a SAFE place to live?**

Poor                  Fair                  Good                  Very Good                  Excellent                  Don't Know  
                                                                                         

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate the ENVIRONMENTAL health of your community?**

*(clean air, clean water, etc.)*

- Poor  Fair  Good  Very Good  Excellent  Don't Know

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate the ability of residents to access HEALTHY & NUTRITIONAL FOODS in your community?**

- Poor  Fair  Good  Very Good  Excellent  Don't Know

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**How would you rate the ability of residents to access PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES in your community?**

- Poor  Fair  Good  Very Good  Excellent  Don't Know

**Why did you give it that rating?**

**YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**Overall, how would you rate YOUR current state of health & wellness?**

- Poor  Fair  Good  Very Good  Excellent  Don't Know

**What is the biggest HEALTH CARE concern you or your family face on a regular basis?**

**Are there any health care services that you would like to see OFFERED or IMPROVED in your community?**

- Yes     Please answer next question
- No     Skip to 'Your Health Care Usage' section

**Please select the health care services you would like to see OFFERED or IMPROVED in your community. (Select all that apply)**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Addiction Treatment                              | <input type="radio"/> Heart Care                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Behavioral Health / Mental Health                | <input type="radio"/> Labor and Delivery               |
| <input type="radio"/> Cancer Care                                      | <input type="radio"/> Long-Term Care / Nursing Homes   |
| <input type="radio"/> Chiropractic Care                                | <input type="radio"/> Orthopedics and Sports Medicine  |
| <input type="radio"/> Dental Care                                      | <input type="radio"/> OBGYN / Womens' Care             |
| <input type="radio"/> Dermatology                                      | <input type="radio"/> Pediatrics / Childrens' Care     |
| <input type="radio"/> Emergency / Trama                                | <input type="radio"/> Walk-in / Urgent Care            |
| <input type="radio"/> Eye Services ( <i>Ophthalmology, Optometry</i> ) | <input type="radio"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Medicine / Primary Care                   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> General Surgery                                  |  |

**YOUR HEALTH CARE USAGE**

**Do you currently have a primary care physician or provider who you go to for general health issues?**

- Yes      No

**How long has it been since you last visited a physician / provider for a routine check up or screening?**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Within the past year    | <input type="radio"/> More than 5 years ago |
| <input type="radio"/> Within the past 2 years | <input type="radio"/> Never                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Within the past 5 years |   |

**What has kept you from having a routine check-up?** (Select all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Cost/Inability to Pay              | <input type="radio"/> No child care                            |
| <input type="radio"/> COVID-19                           | <input type="radio"/> Wait time for appointments are too long  |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't feel welcomed or valued      | <input type="radio"/> Clinic hours are not convenient          |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't have insurance               | <input type="radio"/> Fear / I do not like going to the doctor |
| <input type="radio"/> My insurance is not accepted       | <input type="radio"/> Nothing / I do not need to see a doctor  |
| <input type="radio"/> Lack of transportation             | <input type="radio"/> Don't have a primary care physician      |
| <input type="radio"/> Distance / lack of local providers | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify):                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Getting time off from work         |  |

**How would you rate your current ability to ACCESS health care services?**

- |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Poor                  | Fair                  | Good                  | Very Good             | Excellent             |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Why did you give it that rating?

**In the past year, did you or someone in your family need medical care, but did not receive the care needed?**

- Yes     No     Unsure

**What are the reasons you or a family member did not receive the care needed?**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Cost/Inability to Pay              | <input type="radio"/> No child care                            |
| <input type="radio"/> COVID-19                           | <input type="radio"/> Wait time for appointments are too long  |
| <input type="radio"/> Don't feel welcomed or valued      | <input type="radio"/> Clinic hours are not convenient          |
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| <input type="radio"/> Lack of transportation             | <input type="radio"/> Don't have a primary care physician      |
| <input type="radio"/> Distance / lack of local providers | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify):                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Getting time off from work         |  |

**TRAVELING FOR CARE**

**Have you or a member of your family TRAVELED to receive health care services outside of your community within the past 3 years?**

- Yes
- No

**If yes, Where did you travel to?** *(If you traveled more than once, enter the most recent place you traveled to?)*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**What was the main reason you traveled for care?** *(select all that apply)*

- Referred by a physician
- Better / higher quality of care
- Medical emergency
- Needed a specialist / service was not available locally
- Second opinion
- Immediate / faster appointment
- On vacation / traveling / snowbirds
- Cost or insurance coverage
- Don't feel welcomed or valued by local providers

Other *(please specify)*

**YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Do you currently have health insurance?**

- Yes
- No

**Please indicate the source of your health insurance coverage.**

- Employer *(Your employer, spouse, parent, or someone else's employer)*
- Individual *(Coverage bought by you or your family)*
- Federal Marketplace *(Minnesota Care / Obamacare / Affordable Care Act)*
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Military *(Tricare, Champus, VA)*
- Indian Health Service *(IHS)*

Other *(please specify)*

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### What is your sex?

- Male    Female    Prefer not to answer

### Do you, personally, identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer?

- Yes    No    Prefer not to answer

### How many people live in your house, including yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

### How many children under age 18 currently live with you in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino in origin or descent?

- Yes    No

### What is your race? *(Select all that apply)*

- American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Caucasian or White  
 Asian  
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
 Black or African American

Other *(please specify)*

### How long have you been a US Citizen?

- I am not a US citizen  
• Are you planning to become a US citizen?    Yes    No    Prefer not to answer  
 0 - 5 years  
 6 - 10 years  
 More than 10 years

### What language is spoken most frequently in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

### What is your current marital status?

- Married    Divorced  
 Single, never married    Widowed  
 Unmarried couple living together    Separated

**Which of the following best describes your current living situation?**

- House (*owned*)
- Apartment or House (*rental*)
- Homeless
- Some other arrangement

**What is your primary mode of daily transportation?**

- Automobile/Truck (*owned or leased*)
- Online Ride Service (*Uber / Lyft*)
- Taxi Service
- Public Transportation (*bus / subway / rail*)
- Other (*please specify*)
- Walk
- Bicycle
- Family, Friends or Neighbors
- I do not have a primary mode of daily transportation

**What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?**

- Less than high school degree
- High school graduate (*high school diploma or equivalent including GED*)
- Some college but no degree
- Associate degree in college (*2-year*)
- Bachelor's degree in college (*4-year*)
- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree
- Professional degree (*JD, MD*)

**Your current employment status is best described as:**

- Employed (*full-time*)
- Employed (*part-time*)
- Self-employed
- Furloughed
- Not employed, looking for work
- Not employed, not looking for work
- Retired
- Disabled or unable to work

**What is your total household income from all sources?**

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 - \$24,999
- \$25,000 - \$29,999
- \$30,000 - \$34,999
- \$35,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more

Thank you for completing the survey. Your responses ensure more accurate and targeted solutions to address identified health issues.