

# LABORERS HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINICS

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The Minnesota Laborers Health and Welfare Fund has opened three new health and wellness clinics to better serve the health and wellness needs of members and their dependents ("Participants"). The Laborers Health & Wellness Clinics were opened in October in Hugo, Rogers, and November in Eagan MN. The modern, professional clinics offer a broad range of non-emergency preventative and primary care services and are dedicated solely to the health needs of the Fund Participants. All clinic visits, lab services, and commonly prescribed medications that are provided during the visit are offered free of charge to the Fund Participant. No office visit charge, no co-pays, no follow-up paperwork.

In an unique partnership with HealthPartners, the clinics are staffed by HealthPartners clinicians. The clinics also offer a convenient virtual visit for many conditions. The vision for the clinics to better serve Fund members was jointly conceived in 2017 by Rod Skoog, Fund Coordinator, and Joe Fowler, Business Manager for Laborers Local 563. Both Rod and Joe believed that Fund members could be more proactive about their health needs if access to primary and preventative care was made more convenient and affordable.

Their vision was fully embraced by Joel Smith, LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota President/Business Manager and Chair of the Health and Welfare Fund, and Dan Shoemaker, Secretary of the Health and Welfare Fund. The Board of Trustees for the Fund also enthusiastically embraced the idea and the core team developed the plan to quickly make the clinics a physical reality in 2020.

We expect Fund members to find these clinics to be a great health and wellness solution for their busy lives.

- You must be an eligible Participant of the Minnesota Laborers Health & Welfare Fund to visit the clinics.
- The clinics serve eligible Fund Participants and their dependents 18 months and older.
- The clinics are conveniently located in the geographically-dispersed metro area (East, Northwest, and South suburbs)
- There will be no invoices, no bills, no EOBs, for any services provided within the clinics.
- All frequently-prescribed generic medications that are provided during your clinic visit are available at no charge, saving you both time and money.
- Lab services are provided at all 3 clinics.
- Virtual visits are available for Minnesota residents.
- Convenient daytime hours Monday through Friday. Saturday morning hours are offered in the Eagan and Rogers clinics.

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- HealthPartners will handle the appointment scheduling. Your first appointment must be scheduled by telephone at 952-687-8100, but subsequent appointments can be made online.
- When you call for an appointment, be sure to specify that you want an appointment for the Laborers Health & Wellness Clinic in your preferred city so you are not directed to a HealthPartners clinic in the same city.
- You can express your preference for an in-person or virtual visit when you make your appointment.
- We expect that these convenient, attractive, and professional clinics will be a welcome addition to your health and wellness routines. We look forward to your visit and your feedback.

Rod Skoog says,

*"We are proud to be a leader in meeting our members' needs for high-quality affordable health care. For decades the Fund has been committed to our members' health and wellness. Offering a convenient, no-cost, no co-pays clinic visit is an innovative new way to better serve our members. Our members have shared their excitement about the clinics and we expect them to be their "go to" clinics for their health care. We are extremely grateful for our partnership with HealthPartners. The clinicians are first-rate and deliver the high-quality professional care we've all come to expect from the HealthPartners' name."*

More details about the clinics, including the conditions treated, can be found at [www.mnlaborershealthwellnessclinics.org](http://www.mnlaborershealthwellnessclinics.org).

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