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House Call Medicine: Montana Health Corps

(Helena, MT) The delivery of health care services may be just outside your door with the implementation of the Montana Health Corps. The Board of Medical Examiners has opened registration for the Montana Health Corps to retired doctors which allows for house calls to certain Montanans.

The Montana Health Corps Act, sponsored by Representative Mary Caferro, passed during the 2009 legislative session, provided this home care option for Medicaid and Medicare patients to receive healthcare in their homes. This is achieved by tapping into the pool of retired physicians who are interested in utilizing their skills to care for individuals without the overhead of malpractice insurance.

While the idea of physicians making house calls seems like a visit to the past, bringing medical care to sick, elderly patients makes sense and could avoid costly hospitalization. "We are encouraging communities to look at how they might incorporate the Montana Health Corps Program into their local system of health care," stated public Board member Carole Erickson. "It is not only a way to expand access to medical care to our most needy, but a vehicle for retired physicians to continue to provide compassionate care."

The Board of Medical Examiners is registering retired physicians and actively answering calls from individuals needing non-emergency medical care in their home.

Communities and physicians interested in learning more about the Montana Health Corps program can find the established guidelines and regulations at www.medicalboard.mt.gov or by calling Jean Branscum, Executive Director, at the Board office at 406/841-2360.

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