

HealthReach Community Health Centers



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Belgrade Regional Health Center Welcomes New Provider

BELGRADE - Belgrade Regional Health Center will be welcoming a new medical provider this winter. Michelle Sweetser is a Family Nurse Practitioner who recently completed a Masters of Nursing degree at Walden University, MN. She brings 14 years' experience as a RN in various hospital settings, critical care and emergency room, and eight years as a Medic in the Army National Guard. She obtained a Bachelor of Nursing degree from Kent State University, OH in 2001. She is board certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Her areas of clinical interest include family practice, urgent care, sexual assault/domestic violence care, and patient education.

Recently Michelle stated: "I have chosen Belgrade Regional Health Center because I believe in the philosophy of HealthReach. I grew up in Maine and have a large family locally. I would like to feel like I am directly giving back to my community as is the foundation of the Belgrade Regional Health Center. I decided to further my career into advanced practice to make a difference locally in a holistic approach to patient centered care."

Michelle will be joining Amy Madden, MD and Lisa LaGrange, FNP who provide medical care to patients of all ages. In addition, Dianne Raymond, PhD, PMHNP offers adult psychiatric medication management and Kimberly Patnode, LCSW assists patients with behavioral health needs. The health center offers primary care to over 2,100 people from the Belgrade Lakes Region and beyond.

Belgrade Regional Health Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality medical and behavioral healthcare to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of healthcare and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit with a 41-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

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