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UCare Mobile Dental Clinic will visit Walker Nov. 7-11 to care for UCare members in region

WHAT: The [UCare Mobile Dental Clinic](#) will spend five days in Walker to deliver high-quality dental care to UCare members living in Hubbard, Cass, Beltrami and area counties.

WHERE: Hope Lutheran Church, 305 10th St. S, Walker, Minn. 56484.

WHEN: Monday afternoon, Nov. 7, through midday Friday, Nov. 11



On-site interviews can be arranged for Tuesday, Nov. 8; Wednesday, Nov. 9; and Thursday, Nov. 10.

DETAILS: The UCare Mobile Dental Clinic will deliver dental check-ups, cleanings and simple restorative care to UCare members who have limited access to quality dental care and who have made appointments to receive care in the clinic.

The clinic is a specially designed, wheelchair-accessible, 43-foot “dentist’s office on wheels.” It has three dental chairs, state-of-the-art instruments, chairside digital radiography and an electronic health record system.

All care is provided by faculty-supervised dental, dental hygiene and dental therapy students from the [University of Minnesota School of Dentistry](#). The School of Dentistry and UCare have been Mobile Dental Clinic partners since 2002.

UCare offers one health plan in Beltrami County: [UCare for Seniors](#) Medicare plan; two plans in Hubbard County: [UCare for Seniors](#) and [EssentiaCare](#) Medicare plans; and five plans in Cass County: [UCare for Seniors](#) and [EssentiaCare](#) Medicare plans; [UCare Connect](#) for people with disabilities, [Minnesota Senior Care Plus](#), and [Minnesota Senior Health Options \(MSHO\)](#).

About the [University of Minnesota School of Dentistry](#)

The School of Dentistry advances health through scientific discovery, innovative education and the highest-quality care for all communities. It is the only school in Minnesota accredited to educate dentists, and its graduates include general dentists, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, dental educators and research scientists. With nearly 154,000 patient visits each year, the School of Dentistry provides dental services to patients aboard the UCare Mobile Dental Clinic, at 15 other community-based clinics throughout the upper Midwest, and in three clinics located on the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota. Seventy-three percent of the state's practicing dentists are University of Minnesota School of Dentistry graduates. The School of Dentistry is one of the state's largest safety-net providers of care to public program patients in Minnesota.

About [UCare](#)

UCare is an independent, not-for-profit health plan providing health care and administrative services to members throughout Minnesota. UCare partners with health care providers, counties and community organizations to create and deliver:

- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)-[accredited plans](#) for Minnesotans shopping on [MNsure](#).
- Plans for [adults with disabilities who have Medical Assistance](#) and who have [both Medical Assistance and Medicare](#).
- [Medicare plans](#) with an "Excellent" NCQA rating, and a [new partnership](#) with Essentia Health in northern Minnesota.
- [Programs for older Minnesotans with Medical Assistance or with both Medical Assistance and Medicare](#).
- Income-based [Medicaid](#) and [MinnesotaCare](#) coverage for Olmsted County residents.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through grants and a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for seven consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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