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Free health care services in Morgan County for Ohio residents

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio National Guard, together with the Ohio Department of Health and the Morgan County Health Department, will provide free health services to Ohio residents in Morgan County during two weekends in August through a cooperative program called GuardCare.

This year, GuardCare, an Ohio National Guard program that provides free health services while contributing to the Ohio National Guard's medical training readiness, will be offered the weekends of Aug. 11-12 and Aug. 18-19 at the Clarence E. Miller National Guard Armory, 4497 Hawk Drive, McConnelsville, Ohio. GuardCare is hosted each year in a different medically underserved Ohio community. Services are free to all Ohio residents who attend, regardless of income.

"We are pleased to be able to bring medical services to the residents of Morgan County and Ohio," said Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, state adjutant general. "It is another opportunity to serve the citizens of Ohio."

Free services will include: sports physicals, dental screenings, EKGs (heart function screening), childhood and adult immunizations, adult vision/glaucoma testing, cholesterol screenings, adult hearing examinations and blood sugar screenings.

Sgt. First Class Robert Cahill, of the Ohio National Guard's medical command, said attendees would be able to pick and choose from the health care services available.

"If someone wants just an immunization, they can get just that," Cahill said. "If someone wants to visit all the medical stations, they can do that, too."

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Through GuardCare, Ohio National Guard medical personnel support and assist local health care providers; they do not replace them. The support meets an existing need and provides National Guard medical personnel with valuable and realistic training.

The Ohio National Guard initiated the GuardCare program in 1995 after Congress authorized the use of military personnel in medically underserved communities as part of the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program.

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