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Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic Receives State of Alaska Rural Health Transformation Funding to Launch Maternal Health Pilot Program

First-year award will expand remote maternal and reproductive health services for families on the Kenai Peninsula

HOMER, Alaska (Oct. 13, 2026) — Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic (KBFPC) has received first-year funding through the State of Alaska Department of Health's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) to launch *Bridging the Distance: Remote Maternal and Reproductive Health Services on the Kenai Peninsula*, a five-year pilot program designed to bring care closer to people who live far from a clinic.

For many Kenai Peninsula residents, an appointment to find the right contraception, attend a postpartum check-up, or even confirm a pregnancy can mean hours on the road, time off work, childcare, long waits, or high costs. Recognizing these barriers, KBFPC offers Pop-Up Clinics, telehealth appointments, mail-out services, and remote care coordination. In year one of this multi-year pilot, KBFPC will continue to expand these remote services and add free Postpartum Home Visits to expand care options for rural Alaskans.

"Reproductive healthcare, especially for new moms in the year after birth, can be hard to talk about and hard to reach in Alaska," said Claudia Haines, CEO of KBFPC. "This funding will help us reduce preventable maternal physical and mental health conditions, support healthy birth spacing and family planning, and provide healthcare that meets people where they are – literally. We're grateful to the State of Alaska and to the partners who helped shape this work."

The pilot builds on longstanding local partnerships. KBFPC is working alongside South Peninsula Hospital's Seaside Women's Care, the Ninilchik Traditional Council, and Kenai Public Health, with support from the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs, to coordinate referrals, reach communities across the region, and develop a toolkit detailing the replicable model of remote maternal and reproductive healthcare.

First-year activities will include hiring and training staff, launching Postpartum Home Visit services on the southern Kenai Peninsula, and expanding Pop-Up Clinics in central

Peninsula communities. KBFPC will use what it learns during the first year to inform service expansion in the remaining four years of the pilot.

KBFPC is one of only three dedicated reproductive health clinics in the entire state of Alaska, and for many Peninsula residents, especially those with Medicaid coverage, it is the only accessible option for comprehensive reproductive health care regardless of ability to pay.

Community members can learn more about *Bridging the Distance* by emailing info@kbfpc.org. To schedule a clinic appointment, call 907-235-3436.

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About Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic
Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic is an independent nonprofit reproductive health clinic in Homer, Alaska, that has served individuals and families on the Kenai Peninsula, from Kachemak Bay to Cooper Landing, for more than 40 years. KBFPC offers contraception, STI testing and treatment, cancer screenings, pregnancy testing and counseling, prenatal and fertility education, menopause care, vasectomy, hypertension screening, and client navigation on a sliding fee scale, and accepts most public and private insurances. Learn more at kbfpc.org.

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