

Community Work Plan for Access to care	
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Health Problem	Outcome Objective
Access to Health Care A. Provider shortages B. Education regarding available services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit health care providers to the community • Increase community awareness of health care resources and financial assistance available in community
<p>Description of the health problem, risk factors and contributing factors:</p> <p>For the period 2006-2010, Upson County (22 percent) had a higher percentage of people living in poverty than the U.S. (14 percent). Community members were not aware of available health care resources, particularly for the uninsured, low income, chronic disease and minority populations. The county is designated as a health professional shortage area.</p>	
<p>Related Healthy People 2020 objectives:</p> <p>AHS-4 – Increase number of practicing primary care medical providers – Developmental</p>	
<p>Implementation Strategy to reduce contributing factors:</p> <p>The hospital will continue its recruitment efforts for physicians and mid-level practitioners who will serve the uninsured population of the community.</p> <p>The hospital will continue to provide charity care to the members of the community qualifying for such assistance.</p> <p>During the community focus group meetings and key stakeholder interviews, it became apparent that there is a need for a centralized community resources directory. The hospital will collaborate with other community service providers to develop such a directory that can be distributed throughout the community, with special emphasis on reaching the low-income, uninsured, minority and chronic disease populations. The resource directory will also be posted on various community organizations’ websites and also printed for easy access by the public.</p> <p>The hospital will allocate financial contribution to the public health department for the provision of primary care services.</p>	