

Bellin Health is a not-for-profit, integrated health care delivery system that has been servicing Northeast Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula since 1908. Bellin Health is known for its emphasis on preventative health care and is the region's leader in cardiac, orthopedics, digestive health, mental health and primary care medicine. Bellin has been recognized several times as a 100 Top Hospital.

Bellin started the FastCare retail health clinics in 2006. FastCare provides convenient and economical health care services for many basic health conditions. Staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants, the cost for a FastCare visit is \$45, and can be billed to a person's insurance carrier. Among the types of conditions seen and treated at FastCare are sore throats, urinary tract infections, fevers, flus and colds, ear and sinus infections, upper respiratory infections and allergies.

Bellin has three FastCare locations in Northeast Wisconsin. The clinics are located inside Shopko stores. The clinics have convenient hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and holidays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FastCare will only take walk-in patients, but waits are usually minimal. Should there be a wait; people can take a silent pager to be used in the store that will alert them when the provider is ready.

If a prescription is needed, faster pharmacy service is provided based on immediate transmittal of prescriptions to the Shopko pharmacy or the pharmacy of the patient's choice.

To ensure quality health services, Bellin built FastCare on the guidelines for retail clinics as defined by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association. These include offering to send each person's primary care physician a report following the visit, having a well-defined and limited scope of clinical services with treatment plans that are evidence-based, and having a system for referring patients to physicians when symptoms exceed the clinic's scope of services.

FastCare also partners with local health care providers to establish FastCare retail health clinics in Shopko stores and grocery stores located throughout the country.

More information about Bellin FastCare is available at www.bellinfastcare.com.
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