

# Renville County Department Spotlight:

## Public Health - Adult Health



**Renville**  
COUNTY  
Service · Stewardship · Shared Responsibility

### Public Health's Adult Health Programs include:

- Home Health Care
- Case Management
- MnCHOICES Assessments



### **I Didn't Know They Did That!**

We serve all ages, disabilities and illnesses.

We visit an average of 72 home care clients annually, with 2,354 home care visits made by our nurses in 2021.

### **In 2021...**

Our home health aides made a total of 1,423 visits to assist clients with personal care needs and homemaking tasks.

144 home visits were made for in-home therapy that we contract for.

Our Case Managers provided 1,440 case management contacts to 204 PrimeWest members last year.

We completed 211 long-term care consultations and 109 MnCHOICES Assessments.

### **Historical Fun Facts:**

- In 1978, Renville County Public Health became a Medicare certified home health program. At that time, each Medicare recipient was automatically eligible to receive up to 100 home visits annually, no questions asked.



**LPN Carol Loftness with home care client (2015)**

- Olivia Hospital & Clinic Hospice was founded in 1985. Sr. Carmen Sonnek was hired as the Hospice Coordinator in the Public Health Department. Later, Renville County Hospital (now Olivia Hospital & Clinic) assumed this program with Medicare certification.

- In 1998, Renville County was the founder of a county-owned public payer program, PrimeWest Health. Since its inception, Public Health Nurses have provided case management to target groups such as elderly, those in nursing homes, those with special needs including mental illness or chemical dependency, complex health issues, and pregnant women.

### **What kind of education or experience do you need to succeed in the Public Health - Adult Health division?**

Most of the disciplines in this program area require a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor's Degree and specialized education in Public Health. We also employ a Licensed Practical Nurse and Home Health Aides.

### **What do you enjoy most about your job in Public Health?**

It's great meeting a variety of different clients and families in the community.

We appreciate the flexibility and ability to manage our own work and schedules with clients. We focus on service!

### **Renville County Public Health**

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