From the Constituent Services Desk...

Access to healthcare is a top concern for our constituents. A great option for those on a limited income or without health insurance is Federally Qualified Health Centers or FQHCs. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administrations (HRSA):

"For more than 50 years, health centers have delivered comprehensive, high-quality preventive and primary health care to patients regardless of their ability to pay. In 1965, the Health Center Program started with just two clinics—today there are nearly 1,400 health centers, which operate more than 11,000 delivery sites, across the country serving over 27 million people." 1

Health centers often integrate access to pharmacy, mental health, substance use disorder, and oral health services. Care is given regardless of income and payment is made on a sliding fee scale. Over 355,000 Veterans have also accessed FQHCs who participate in the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) Patient-Centered Community Care Network.

There are several health care centers in the 11th Congressional District you have access to. Click on each link for more information.

Operated by <u>Georgia Highlands Medical Service</u>, Inc.: GHMS Canton Family Health Center, Canton, GA 30144 GHMS Bartow Family Health Center, Cartersville, GA 30120

Operated by <u>Family Health Centers of Georgia</u>, Inc.: The Family Health Center at Cobb, Marietta, GA 30060 The Family Health Center at Lake Forest, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Operated by <u>Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb</u>, Inc.: Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb, Marietta, GA 30008

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¹Celebrating More than 50 Years of Increasing Access to High Quality, Affordable Health Care. (November 2018). Retrieved February 13, 2019, from <u>https://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/healthcenterweek.html</u>.