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Community Health Nurses to Receive Governor's Unique Achievement Award October 5 in Springfield

Health Check Clinic on October 5 Canceled; Three Other Clinics Offered in October

Five Champaign-Urbana Public Health District nurses will travel to Springfield on October 5 to participate in a ceremony honoring them as recipients of the 2005 Governor's Unique Achievement Award. The state gives the award to nominees from each district of the Illinois Department on Aging. This year the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging selected the Health District division of Community Health Nursing for the award.

A Community Health Nursing Health Check Clinic will be canceled on October 5 to allow the nurses to attend the award ceremony. Three other Health Check Clinics will be offered in Champaign in October. The clinics will be:

- Wednesday, October 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District main building, 710 N. Neil St., **Champaign.**
- Thursday, October 13 and Thursday, October 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hays Center, 1311 W. Church St., **Champaign.**

Since 1937, the division of Community Health Nursing has brought an array of services to those in need, with an emphasis on providing vital support to seniors. Since 1996 the division has also served seniors throughout Champaign County – with support from the Champaign County Public Health Department.

The nurses are being recognized for their work to help older adults “age in place” in their homes and in the community, to provide services to older adults who have diabetes or two or more other

major medical diagnoses and to bring this assistance to African Americans and to older adults who are in the greatest social and economic need.

In making the nomination, the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging also noted the Community Health Nursing Division for:

- Working to increase senior awareness that “depression is not a normal part of aging.”
- Providing monthly support groups for seniors with diabetes in congregate housing facilities.
- Working with allied health care professionals, including pharmacists, to review seniors’ medicines.
- Offering regular “Health Check” clinics for blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol checks and immunizations.

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