



## UPHP collaborates with Women's Center to provide housing support

MARQUETTE – Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) President and CEO, Dennis Smith, met with the Women's Center Executive Director, Beth Casady, on Friday, November 11th, to present a \$10,000 donation in housing support for the Women's Center. The Women's Center is a non-profit organization based in Marquette, serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing programs and services that Protect, Educate, Advocate, Counsel, and Empower (PEACE).

Dennis Smith noted that the Women's Center is an important community resource that affects a lot of UPHP members. "This is an at-risk population we want to protect and help get back on their feet. UPHP is happy to support the efforts of the Women Center in this capacity".

Beth Casady of the Women's Center is excited to begin this partnership with UPHP stating, "We want to assist our clients to get the health care they need and to get them into contact with UPHP for care management if they are a member of the health plan. In turn, UPHP will assist and provide its members who meet the criteria with transitional housing costs, costs that the Women's Center pays for out of its own pocket when no other resources are available. These expenses include: moving expenses, gasoline cards, rental deposits. This assistance enables them to move on with their lives and live in a safe home."

Women's Center services are free of charge, confidential, survivor centered and have an empowerment focus. Since its inception, the Women's Center has served hundreds, if not thousands of survivors of violence, including men.

For more information on the Women's Center, visit [www.wcmqt.org](http://www.wcmqt.org).

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### About UPHP

Upper Peninsula Health Plan currently has 30,000 Medicaid and MICHild members and its network exceeds 900 providers.



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