

## **OAKLEAF CLINICS ADDS EAU CLAIRE URGENT CARE ON SOUTHSIDE**

### *Much Needed Urgent Care Clinic Now Open at Mall Drive Location*

EAU CLAIRE, WI – November 12, 2024 – Oakleaf Clinics has opened its third Urgent Care practice on the south side of Eau Claire to provide critical healthcare services for patients who need immediate care but do not have life-threatening illnesses or injuries. The new practice is at 3802 W. Oakwood Mall Drive in Eau Claire. OakLeaf Clinics opened Urgent Care facilities in Chippewa Falls and Menomonie earlier this year to provide these vital healthcare services in Dunn and Chippewa Counties.

All OakLeaf Clinics Urgent Cares are open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM, Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM to 2 PM, and on Holidays from 8 AM to 12 PM. The Eau Claire facility has full lab service and imaging capabilities onsite.

Urgent Cares are drop-in clinics open during regular business hours, extended evening hours during the week, and on the weekends for patients with urgent but not life-threatening injuries or illnesses. OakLeaf Clinics Urgent Care facilities can treat a wide range of illnesses, including asthma, allergic reactions, cough, cold symptoms, flu, pink eye, UTIs, ear infections, bug bites, sinus pressure and/or infections, bronchitis, and strep throat, as well as conditions such as minor cuts, animal bites, falls, sprains, strains, and broken bones. Patients can also receive stitches for simple lacerations at all OakLeaf Clinics' Urgent Cares.

Dr. Erik Dickson is the medical director for Urgent Care at OakLeaf Clinics.

Providing urgent care capacity throughout the Chippewa Valley has been a key concern for OakLeaf Clinics since Prevea closed three busy regional urgent care locations and HSHS closed its two emergency rooms at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's hospitals in March 2024. According to the Wisconsin Hospital Association, these two hospitals accounted for 22,875 ER visits in 2023.

"Our Chippewa Falls and Menomonie Urgent Cares have been busy since they opened in May and June, with many patients traveling from Eau Claire to be treated," said Dr. Dickson. "Both Eau Claire Emergency Rooms have reported significant double-digit increases in ER visits since

the Spring. We hope that by adding our Eau Claire Urgent Care, we can help keep more patients out of the ERs and help lower wait times for ER patients.”

OakLeaf Clinics has hired several advanced practice providers and additional support staff to provide treatment at its Urgent Care facilities.

“Our Urgent Care team is excellent, experienced, and has deep relationships throughout the Chippewa Valley,” added Dickson.

### **About OakLeaf Clinics**

[OakLeaf Clinics](#), the largest clinic in the OakLeaf Medical Network, provides primary and specialty care through its 13 clinics in Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Cornell, Durand, Ladysmith, Menomonie, Rice Lake, and outreach clinics in Altoona, Amery, Baldwin, Black River Falls, Cumberland, Shell Lake, Stanley, and Turtle Lake.

### **About OakLeaf Medical Network**

[OakLeaf Medical Network](#), comprised exclusively of independent clinics, is the largest independent physician association in Western Wisconsin, with over 350 medical providers (130 physicians) with 40 specialties working across 31 clinics in 15 counties. Over 50,000 primary care patients are served by OakLeaf Medical Network providers. Originally founded in 1994 by a local group of physicians committed to preserving the unique values of independent medical practices, including personal care, continuity of care, and easier access to care, as a “clinic without walls,” the organization has evolved and grown over time.

###

Media Contact:

Lee Caraher for OakLeaf Clinics

[lcaraher@double-forte.com](mailto:lcaraher@double-forte.com)

715-829-4566