



SECOND BAY STATE HEALTH PLAN COVERS CVS CLINIC VISITS

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A second Massachusetts health plan is paying for its members who receive non-emergency health care at CVS' minute clinics.

Last week, Network Health announced that it would partner with MinuteClinic, a division of CVS that operates walk-in care clinics at 18 Massachusetts pharmacies.

With this agreement, people who have health insurance through Mass-Health and Commonwealth Care will have care from these clinics covered by their insurer.

Fallon Health Plan also accepts MinuteClinics coverage.

The so-called minute clinics were controversial when first proposed in Massachusetts.

Advocates say the walk-in clinics offer low-cost, efficient treatment for minor illnesses, but critics say health care shouldn't be dispensed in a retail setting, especially one that profits from the treatments.

Massachusetts approved the MinuteClinics in 2008. Massachusetts is among 25 states that have this health-care option.

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