

Wal-Mart opens 14 walk-in clinics in South

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. A cost-cutting medical retailer that operates inside Wal-Mart stores, is opening fourteen new clinics in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

Six CheckUps walk-in clinics are opening in Mississippi and Louisiana. Another eight are scheduled to open in Wal-Mart stores in Alabama. The clinics are staffed with certified nurse practitioners who work with local physicians.

They diagnose common ailments such as strep throat, ear and sinus infections. They also provide routine pediatric care, blood screenings and immunizations. CheckUp nurse practitioners also can write prescriptions.

The company says visits usually take less than 15 minutes and no appointments are necessary. A routine visit for a medical problem like a cold or flu costs 65 dollars. A hemoglobin test, a critical measure of blood sugar for diabetics, costs 20 dollars. A panel of tests for heart disease and stroke costs 200 bucks.

All the walk-in clinics open at 9 a-m.

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