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Wal-Marts open walk-in clinics

Non-emergency medical help will be available at walk-in clinics opening today inside eight Wal-Mart stores in Alabama.

The CheckUps clinics, staffed by nurse practitioners, are scheduled to open at 9 a.m. today in two Wal-Mart stores in Huntsville and one each in Trussville, Gardendale, Hartselle, Athens, Bay Minette and Mobile.

The nurse practitioners, who work with local physicians, diagnose common ailments, provide routine pediatric care, blood screenings and immunizations, and can write prescriptions, according to a company news release.

A routine visit for a medical problem such as a cold or flu costs \$65, while routine child and adolescent health care ranges from \$30 to \$50, according to the CheckUps Web site, which lists charges for its various medical services.