We invite any media interested in interviewing our VA staff to learn more about care and services to contact our Public Affairs Officer at 989-497-2500, extension 13020 or e-mail carrie.seward@va.gov

Aleda E. Lutz VA and Community Based Outpatient Clinics
Encourage Veterans to Receive Influenza “Flu” Vaccines

The Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Affairs Medical Center would like to share the following information for Veterans to receive their flu vaccine. Veterans receiving a flu vaccine from the VA must be enrolled and receiving care from the VA.

The Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, 1500 Weiss Street in Saginaw, will hold their flu clinic in the main lobby of the Medical Center September 20 through October 13, 2016 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. However, if Veterans are receiving care from their primary care team at a different day and time, they can ask their provider or nurse for a vaccine as well. Also, if Veterans have received their flu vaccine somewhere other than the VA, they need to let their health care team know for documentation in their Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS).

Veterans may also go to a local Walgreens and provide their VA Identification Card. VA will receive information from Walgreens to include in their CPRS record.

For Veterans who receive their care from a Community Based Outpatient Clinic, the flu clinics will run from September 26 through October 13, 2016 as follows:

- **Alpena**  *Every day* 9am-1100 & 1pm-3pm
- **Bad Axe**  *Every day* 9am-1100 & 1pm-3pm
- **Cadillac**  *Every day* 1pm-330pm
- **Cheboygan**  *Every day* 9am to 11am &1pm to 330pm
- **Clare**  *Every day* 9am to 11am & 1pm to 330pm
- **Gaylord**  *Every day* 9am to 11am & 1pm to 330pm
- **Grayling**  *Every day* 9am to 11am & 1pm to 330pm
- **Oscoda**  *Every day* 9am to 11am & 1pm to 330pm
- **Traverse City**  *September 21, 26, 28 from 9am-3pm.
  *October 5, 13, 14 from 9am-3pm

For information about receiving the flu vaccine at the VA or any of the Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout mid to northern Michigan, please call the **VA Flu Hotline at 1-800-406-5143, extension 14507**. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. Thank you!

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides
care to over 34,700 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at our website.

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