

On Wednesday, August 10, 2011, Congressman Barrow (GA-12) will be hosting a Health Fair for folks in the Savannah area from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Savannah Civic Center.

Health care professionals will be on hand to administer completely free screenings for high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke, osteoporosis, vision and cancer; provide information on how to save money on prescription drugs; talk about nutrition, fitness, and immunizations; check car seat installations; and even help folks get signed up for child care, health care, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Med Bank, and PeachCare.

“Times are tough right now, but there’s a lot of services we can provide to help,” said Congressman Barrow, “I hope folks will come out and take advantage of these services, get some information about keeping their family healthy, and hopefully get some peace of mind.”

Free screenings and information will be available for:

- Blood pressure
- Blood Sugar
- Body Mass Index
- Osteoporosis
- Stroke
- Oral Cancer
- Eye Examinations
- Demonstration of breast self-examinations
- Pharmaceutical counseling
- Child Seat Safety Checks (especially important given that the state law changed this summer)

Participating organizations include:

- UGA Cooperative Extension-Chatham County
- Safe Kids
- Georgia Southern University
- St. Joe/Candler Hospital

- Optim Health
- YMCA
- National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer, Savannah Coalition
- Hospice Savannah
- My Brothaz Home
- Savannah State University
- Savannah Chatham Health Department
- Community Cardiac Care
- Memorial Health
- Savannah Chatham School System
- MedBank
- Chatham County Safety Net

Experts will also be on hand to help folks learn more about and apply for Peachcare, state Medicaid programs, and food stamps. Additional information will be available across an array of important health issues, including but not limited:

- Back to School Safety
- Back to School health information
- Bariatric surgery
- Stroke Awareness
- Joint replacement Surgery
- Spine Surgery
- Robotic surgery
- Savannah Volunteer Dental Clinic (and other free dental clinics in the area)
- HIV/AIDS Awareness
- End of Life care
- Orthopedic Health
- Food and Nutrition Education
- Public Health Education
- Risk factors for diabetes and high blood pressure
- Cardiovascular disease risk factors
- Information on qualifying for free/reduced cost mammograms
- Information on free medical care in Savannah
- Free fitness programs in Savannah/Chatham County
- Food pantry
- Free or reduced cost medication programs
- Immunization records
- Lead poisoning prevention