



Denver Harbor Clinic
Houston Community Health Centers, Inc.

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Denver Harbor Clinic receives Federally Qualified Health Center designation and funding

Clinic prepares to serve more patients and expand services

HOUSTON, August 3, 2007 – Denver Harbor Clinic (www.denverharborclinic.org), a private nonprofit health center addressing health care inequities in Houston’s east side, has been designated a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and awarded a \$471,309 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the organization announced today.

The clinic qualified for the grant as a result of the FQHC designation, which enables the Clinic to deliver preventative and primary care to patients regardless of their ability to pay and receive Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement. The award was made on May 17, 2007.

“The FQHC designation marks a significant milestone in our growth and ability to respond to the health care needs of the entire community,” said Daniel Montez, CEO of Denver Harbor Clinic. “As this clinic continues to grow, inequities in health care can be eliminated in our community costly treatment of preventable conditions, including diabetes and heart disease, are reduced.”

Denver Harbor, a community of approximately 20,000 residents is designated a “medically underserved area” by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Without Denver Harbor Clinic, many residents resort to LBJ Hospital’s emergency room as their only health care provider.

The clinic provided 4,200 patient encounters in 2005, and the number is expected to triple to 12,000 encounters, representing approximately 6,000 patients, in 2008, according to Montez.

Money from the DHHS grant will fund expanded services, including dental, mental health, and community health education. All will launch in the fall of 2007 with the opening of a new building adjacent to the current Clinic.

Denver Harbor Clinic is located three blocks north of Lyons Avenue at 424 Hahlo Street. New patients are welcome and appointments can be made by calling 713-674-3326. The Clinic hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

About Denver Harbor Clinic

Denver Harbor Clinic of Houston Community Health Centers, Inc. is a private, nonprofit community based health center in Houston providing quality health care to the underserved. Founded in 1999, Houston Community Health Centers, Inc. is addressing lack of access to health care in the largely Hispanic community and spurring neighborhood economic development through new job creation and community improvements.

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