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NEWS RELEASE

Department of Public Health to Offer Family Planning Services El Paso CommUnity Care Center to officially begin operation on October 21

EL PASO, TEXAS – Thanks to a federal Title X grant, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health will begin offering family planning at its flagship campus in Central El Paso. The new program is being integrated with the Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Program under its new title “El Paso CommUnity Care Center”, promoting a high-quality level of care for its clients.

“The need for family planning services has increased exponentially in recent years, and our goal is to make these services readily available to anyone of reproductive age,” said Bruce Parsons, Assistant Health Director. “Persons who don’t want family planning, but still need STD/HIV screening can continue to obtain those services at the Center.”

The program will operate under one comprehensive continuum of care and offer a variety of services to include: Physical exams; effective birth control methods; pregnancy testing and counseling; basic infertility services; STD prevention education, screening and treatment; cervical cancer screening; HIV testing and referral for treatment and prevention, including evidence-based interventions, as well as assessment and PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) services; hepatitis C virus testing and linkage to care; screening for smoking and alcohol/substance use/abuse; and, referral services to primary care and other medical and social services.

Clients may pay for the services with cash, check, debit card, or major credit cards and the center will accept insurances, Medicaid, and Healthy Texas Women’s Program. Clients may be offered a payment plan if they have difficulty paying upfront, as appropriate. Clients whose household income does not exceed 250 percent of the federal poverty level may qualify for a discount. Persons whose family income does not exceed 100 percent of the federal poverty level will not be charged a fee. No one will be denied services based on an inability to pay for services. Appointments can be made by calling 915-212-0200 and selecting option 5.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place:

**Monday, October 21, 2019
3:30 p.m. (tours scheduled through 5:30 p.m.)
5115 El Paso Drive Suite B
El Paso, TX 79905**

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