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NORTH HUDSON COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION
RECEIVES STATE GRANT TO EXPAND HEALTH CENTER SERVICES

Thanks to a \$450,000 grant from the State of New Jersey, the Health Center at North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC) in West New York will expand its service hours.

The West New York Center, part of North Hudson CAC's network of nine health centers in three northern New Jersey counties, will expand its hours starting February 1, 2009 to include Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday through Thursday until 10 p.m. As a result of these expanded hours, the center will now be open 7 days a week.

"There is a dire need for additional health care services in New Jersey, especially for low-income residents and for underinsured- and uninsured residents, and now we'll be better able to meet this demand thanks to this state grant," said Christopher F. Irizarry, president and chief executive officer of North Hudson CAC. "I would like to thank Governor Jon Corzine for providing this funding. All of us at North Hudson CAC strongly support Governor Corzine's unwavering commitment to increase and improve health care services for everyone in New Jersey."

North Hudson CAC is the largest federally qualified health center provider in New Jersey, with nine health centers serving a population of nearly two million residents in Hudson, Bergen and Passaic counties. In recognition of the high quality of its health care, North Hudson CAC has earned the prestigious Gold Seal of accreditation from the national Joint Commission.

Joanne Martin, chairperson of North Hudson CAC, noted that it is particularly crucial during this economic downturn to make health care available to people with or without health insurance.

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“With so many people losing their jobs and health insurance, it is more important than ever for agencies such as ours to step up and provide the health care our families need to get them through these difficult times,” said Martin. “I commend Governor Corzine and Health and Human Services Commissioner Heather Howard for the support they have always shown North Hudson CAC and the people that we serve.”

In addition to the West New York facility, North Hudson CAC also operates health centers in Union City, North Bergen, Jersey City, Hoboken, Hackensack, Garfield and two in the City of Passaic.

The health centers at North Hudson CAC provide health care services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay or whether they have health insurance.

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