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Heartland to offer primary care services at Health Department

(Lawrence, KS) – Heartland Community Health Center will begin offering primary care services in late August in the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department’s clinic, 200 Maine St. These services are not currently offered at the Health Department. The goal is to make it more convenient for residents to access primary care services.

“By embedding a Heartland primary care team within the operation of the Health Department, our organizations will be better positioned and equipped to reach the families and individuals who currently do not have access to comprehensive primary care services,” said Heartland CEO Jon Stewart. “Our efforts here are to take primary care services to places where people already have established trusting relationships.”

The Health Department will continue to offer its clinic services, which include:

- Immunizations.
- Family Planning — Breast, pelvic and testicular exam, diagnosis and treatment of vaginal infections, pregnancy testing, birth control, sexually-transmitted disease testing and HIV testing.
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition program.

About 10,000 people use the Health Department’s clinic services each year. A recent survey of 424 Health Department clients revealed that 46 percent did not have a regular health care provider. “We want to knock down some barriers to, hopefully, get people into a health home,” Health Department Director Dan Partridge said. “Having a health home helps you do more in the preventive arena rather than waiting until you’re sick or you have some type of diagnosis or disease, and then it’s more costly to you and the health care system.”

For more information or to make an appointment with Heartland, call 785-841-7297. Heartland accepts patients who are uninsured, people with Medicaid and Medicare and most commercial insurances.

About Heartland Community Health Center

Heartland Community Health Center, 346 Maine St., is a federally-qualified Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home. It offers quality, affordable primary care, regardless of income or insurance status. Heartland practices holistic, integrated health care — a health model that focuses on physical health as well as emotional, social and spiritual health.

About the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

The nationally-accredited Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department has served the Lawrence and Douglas County community for more than 120 years. Its mission is to advance policies, practices and programs that promote health for all, prevent disease and protect the environment.