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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awards Community Health Connection \$250,000 Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Facility Improvement Grant

Community Health Connection will add an on-site pharmacy and additional parking to their 3rd & Lewis location.

TULSA, Okla. (August 29, 2014) – Community Health Connection is proud to announce the award of a \$250,000 PCMH Facility Improvement Grant from HRSA. This award is part of a series of capital investments that were made available to community health centers under the Affordable Care Act to help support facility improvements in 147 health centers nationwide. Community Health Connection follows the PCMH model which is designed to improve quality of care through team-based coordination of care, treating the many needs of the patient at once, increasing access to care and empowering the patient to be a partner in their own care.

Community Health Connection was one of three community health centers in Oklahoma awarded a grant. The funds will be used to construct a new on-site pharmacy and add additional parking at Community Health Connection's 3rd & Lewis (2321 E. 3rd St.) location. The project is scheduled to begin in early 2015 and be completed by late 2015.

Jim McCarthy, Chief Executive Officer of Community Health Connection, is excited about this new opportunity, "At Community Health Connection, we play an important role in providing care to many Northeast Oklahoma residents who would otherwise be unable to access vital health services. Thanks to this grant, we will be able to improve the services we offer our patients and have an even greater impact in our community"

Mary Wakefield, Ph.D, R.N., Administrator of HHS' Health Resources & Services Administration, added "Today's award will support 21 new construction projects and 126 alteration and renovation projects at health centers across the US as they work to improve their design and expand existing structures to better support team-based care."

Community Health Connection is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) committed to meeting the lifelong health care needs of the Northeast Oklahoma community. We provide the highest quality, affordable and accessible primary health care services in a culturally respectful and compassionate manner. At Community Health Connection we offer a broad array of services, including dental, prenatal/postpartum, pediatrics, family medicine and behavioral healthcare. We accept private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare. We also serve individuals who are uninsured or under insured by offering a sliding fee scale to those who meet certain requirements.

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