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RE: Yakima Neighborhood Health Services receives nearly \$4.7 million to grow Sunnyside Dental, Mental Health, establish Pharmacy and Vision Center

SUNNYSIDE -- Yakima Neighborhood Health Services (YNHS) has received a federal grant of nearly \$4.7 million from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to expand their Sunnyside dental and mental health clinics, along with opening a Vision Center and a Pharmacy to serve YNHS clients at the Sunnyside location.

The \$4,661.00 grant to Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, announced by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius Tuesday, was one of only four community health center capital development capacity building grants made in Washington State and the only such grant made in Central or Eastern Washington. The grant was part of a series of capital investments under the Affordable Care Act, for longer-term projects to expand facilities, improve existing services, and serve more patients; an additional four Washington state community health centers received funds for facility improvements.

Neighborhood Health will use the grant to significantly expand its Sunnyside clinic capacity, providing:

- 600 additional Dental Clinic visits
- Expanded primary medical care, providing 10,000 new primary care visits a year
- Care to 600 new clients in the Behavioral Health Clinic
- Care to 1,200 clients in the new Vision Center
- A new Pharmacy to serve Lower Yakima Valley clients

“Community health centers like Yakima Neighborhood Health Services are the major source of care that ranges from prevention to treatment of chronic diseases,” said YNHS CEO Anita Monoian. “This investment will expand our ability to provide high-quality care to people across



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the Yakima Valley while supporting employment in good-paying jobs in our clinics.”

Yakima Neighborhood Health Services and other community health centers improve the health of underserved communities by ensuring access to primary health care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay.

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About Yakima Neighborhood Health Services: About YNHS: Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, founded in 1975, is a privately owned non-profit organization committed to caring for the underserved and uninsured people in the Yakima Valley by providing affordable, accessible and quality health care. See www.ynhs.org for more information.

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