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The Clinic Opens for City of Vicksburg Employees

JACKSON, Miss., November 2, 2016—The City of Vicksburg and Southern Health Network, a Mississippi-based healthcare organization providing integrated employer health management through a personal system of care and shared financial risk, today announced the opening of its clinic for City of Vicksburg health plan members.

The Clinic, located at One Medical Plaza Drive, does not charge City of Vicksburg employees and their eligible dependents for its services. The Clinic treats emergent and minor conditions and provides innovative and highly engaging health education programs. Its programs are designed to eliminate barriers to care, identify urgent medical needs and chronic conditions, and enhance access to the local medical community, particularly primary care physicians. The Clinic also conducts Health Risk Assessments, a process that evaluates health risks for individuals and generates personalized plans of care to address those risks.

"Too often, cost, lack of access, and complexity keep people from getting good health care when they need it. I am confident our partnership with Southern Health Network will close those gaps with its proven, quality solution," said City of Vicksburg Mayor, George Flaggs, Jr.

The Clinic is staffed by physicians, a nurse practitioner/nurse navigator, a licensed practical nurse (LPN), and health coaches. Leading primary care physicians from the Vicksburg medical community will provide care at The Clinic, serve as its medical directors, and participate in the plans of care. Fundamental to the Southern Health Network approach is utilizing a full-time nurse navigator, who is also a nurse practitioner, to coordinate and enhance care, and act as a patient advocate and resource. In addition, to further support The Clinic, health coaches will create and implement a wellness program that educates employees on healthy choices and positive lifestyle changes.

"We are honored to serve the City of Vicksburg and work with its esteemed medical community to help city employees and their dependents achieve better health," said Dr. Marshall Bouldin,

chief medical officer, Southern Health Network. "We intend to be a good citizen of Vicksburg. Our mission is to become an important health care asset for the Vicksburg medical community and to contribute to the improved health and well-being of the organizations and individuals we serve. Ultimately, achieving better health outcomes for individuals, results in savings that can be reinvested in the city and its employees."

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About Southern Health Network

Southern Health Network transforms employer health management through its model of integrated care and shared savings. By seamlessly integrating onsite and near site clinics, vigorous health education and lifestyle management programs, data registries, individual care management, chronic disease management, and local physician collaboration through shared information and savings, Southern Health Network achieves immediate results, dramatically reducing health plan costs, and improving the health and productivity of employees.