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### **Community Clinic, Inc. Announces Major Funding Award**

Community Clinic, Inc. (CCI), a nationally accredited nonprofit health care agency providing primary medical care and nutrition services to more than 30,000 Montgomery and northeastern Prince George's county residents-in-need for more than 35 years, received "Notice of Award" from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), effective August 1, 2008. The award is \$525,000 for nine months, and \$650,000 per year for a total three-year grant period. A winner of the highly competitive award, CCI is the only HRSA New Access Point grantee in the state of Maryland.

"CCI's primary mission is to ensure quality healthcare for everyone who needs an accessible medical home, regardless of a person's status or ability to pay," said William Flynt, M.D., Interim Executive Director. "This significant award ensures a healthier future for families and individuals who seek improved health and better lives. We're in a stronger position now to sustain life-cycle health care to more residents with quality services."

CCI began operations in a single clinic in Rockville in 1972. Today it is a thriving organization with six Montgomery County locations, operating six days/week and employing more than 90 professional medical and support staff focused on direct patient care. Since 1996, CCI is the state and county administrator for the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program, a nutrition education and food supplement program funded by the USDA. More than half the patients at CCI are under the age of five and most of the adult patients are uninsured. A network of established permanent facilities support medical "continuity of care" for patients and WIC participants. Locations are: Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Aspen Hill, Rockville, Gaithersburg and Germantown. A new CCI-WIC service site is scheduled to open in Greenbelt this fall. For more information about CCI and its services, visit [www.cciweb.org](http://www.cciweb.org).

Nationally, the 2008 HRSA New Access Point grants will establish 42 new health center sites in 23 states, at a cost of \$22M for this funding cycle. Community Clinic is one of 22 health centers chosen among more than 100 applications. For more information about HRSA and its programs, visit [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov).

