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North County Health Services Receives \$5,000 CVS Caremark Community Grant

NCHS Grant part of CVS Caremark's Commitment to Increasing Access to Quality Health Care

San Marcos, Calif. – November 12, 2013 – Today North County Health Services announced that it has received a \$5,000 [CVS Caremark Community Grant](#). The Community Grants Program was created by CVS Caremark as part of its commitment to building healthier communities. These grants support nonprofit organizations that are providing much-needed access to health care for at-risk and underserved populations. The support from CVS Caremark will help North County Health Services continue to provide mobile dental screenings and oral health education to at least 2,000 elementary school children from low-income families, and link them to follow-up services.

North County Health Services (NCHS) is a family of 10 community clinics spanning throughout the North County region. For over 40 years NCHS has been offering medical, dental and women's healthcare, welcoming uninsured patients and offering a variety of payment options and no to low-cost services.

NCHS' Mobile Dental Program provides oral health education and dental screenings to children in the community who might not otherwise get dental care through a variety of outreach and education efforts. The mobile dental unit goes out into the community to provide screenings at health fairs, community centers and at local elementary schools where there is a high population of children who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. The NCHS mobile dental program provides a dentist, dental assistant (at least one is bilingual), and driver/receptionist. The program also identifies children who have immediate oral health needs and connects them to proper dental care.

“The community depends on NCHS to provide these necessary services, for whom without this program, would not get the care they need” remarks Irene Torres, NCHS Director of Dental Services. “We are thrilled that CVS has recognized the critical nature of the care we provide and has generously supported our efforts so we can continue this great work.”

“As a pharmacy innovation company, we are committed to helping people on their path to better health. We are proud to support organizations that increase access to quality health care because we know their efforts are critical

to delivering better community health,” said Eileen Howard Boone, Senior Vice President, Corporate Philanthropy & Sustainability, CVS Caremark. “We are pleased to support the work that North County Health Services does in the community and we look forward to working with them in fulfilling their program’s mission.”

North County Health Services was selected to receive a grant through the CVS Caremark Community Grants 2013 application process. Grants were awarded to organizations, such as community health centers and mobile health clinics, which support CVS Caremark’s commitment to enhance the health and well-being for at-risk and underserved populations by offering quality health and rehabilitation services and health education. The goal of the CVS Caremark Community Grants Program is to provide relief for both adults and children who lack medical insurance and help ensure they receive the proper medical care they need.

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About North County Health Services

North County Health Services is a private not-for-profit organization that serves over 60,000 patients annually at 10 community health centers in Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, San Marcos and Ramona, and through two mobile clinics. NCHS has been providing affordable, quality & comprehensive care to members of our north San Diego County communities who are uninsured or underinsured for over 40 years. Services at NCHS include pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, dental care, internal medicine, adolescent medicine, radiology, pharmacy and transportation services as well as community health outreach, prevention and disease management programs. We accept private insurances, Medi-Cal and Medicare. If you are uninsured, you may be eligible for low or no-cost programs based on your income, qualify for a discount or use our monthly payment plan.

For more information, visit www.nchs-health.org or call 760-736-6767.

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