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Health clinic applauded for boosting cancer screenings

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SAN MARCOS — North County Health Services received an award from the American Cancer Society for boosting its cancer screenings for area residents.

The San Marcos-based nonprofit was recognized as Primary Care Partner of the Year for 2014 by the American Cancer Society for promoting cancer screenings and providing screenings to an increased number of patients, including uninsured and underserved area residents.

In 2013, North County Health services provided nearly 800 colorectal cancer screenings to patients between ages 50 to 75 years in the nonprofit's Oceanside and Ramona Health Centers.

By 2015, the clinic is expecting to provide colorectal cancer screening to more than 1,000 patients in that age range and by 2016 to 1,700 patients.

As part of the effort, the clinic is expanding cancer screenings at its Grand Avenue and Carlsbad Health Centers and increasing colorectal cancer screening services at the Oceanside and Ramona Health Centers.

North County Health Services runs 10 community health centers in Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, San Marcos and Ramona along with two mobile clinics.

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