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New Dental Center Expands Care in Western Kent County

The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) and My Community Dental Centers (MCDC) are pleased to announce the opening of a third Kent County MCDC dental center, located in Walker. The center will provide quality dental care to all and welcomes children and adults enrolled in Medicaid, including Healthy Kids Dental, Healthy Michigan Plan and private dental insurance.

The new 6-chair Walker dental center located at 890 3 Mile Road NW, Suite 4, Grand Rapids, MI opens on Monday, February 4, 2019 and will be initially treating patients on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An open house and ribbon cutting event will be held at the Walker dental center on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The center will provide comprehensive dental services including oral exams/cleanings, fillings, tooth removal, partials, dentures, and other dental procedures. An initial exam with X-rays will be \$39 for new, uninsured patients. The organization is also pleased to offer My Dental Program (MyDP) for those without dental insurance, which provides reduced fees based on household income as well as reduced rates for veterans.

A lack of access to dental care negatively affects the community's health and well-being. When an oral health emergency strikes, those enrolled in Medicaid and the uninsured often head to the emergency room, not the dentist. "This new center will be a much-needed asset in the community," stated Adam London, Administrative Health Officer at KCHD. "We look forward to partnering with MCDC and having this new resource available to the Kent County service area."

MCDC currently has locations in Kentwood and Cedar Springs, and more than 16,000 patients have made nearly 52,000 office visits since the first location opened in Kent County in 2014. MCDC looks forward to providing a dental home to even more residents of Kent County with this third location. Studies show when your mouth is healthy, chances are your overall health is good as well.

MCDC is now registering new patients. For more information or to register as a new patient, call 877-313-6232 or visit the MCDC website at mydental.org.

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About MCDC:

Established in 2006, My Community Dental Centers Inc. is one of the largest non-profit 501(c)3 Dental Support Organizations in the United States. MCDC primarily serves patients covered through Medicaid, Healthy Kids Dental, MICHild, and Healthy Michigan Plan and welcomes uninsured patients as well as those with private dental insurance. Comprehensive dental care for the entire family, including exams, cleanings, fillings, tooth removal, and dentures are provided. Operating 33 dental centers throughout Michigan, MCDC focuses on quality care that is customized for each patient and offered in a patient-centered atmosphere with exceptional care.

About KCHD:

KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 265 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.