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Eastmont Wellness Debuts New Specialty Clinic

Expanded Services Offer Enhanced Care, Improved Access for Patients

OAKLAND, CA (July 1, 2013) – Eastmont Wellness today opened a new specialty clinic for orthopedic care, dermatology and ophthalmology services, among other specialized care. The new facility houses 16 exam rooms totaling 6,600 square feet, including a multi-use clinic and orthopedic cast room. Podiatry, urology, endocrinology and rheumatology specialties will be added over the next six to eight months. The new specialty suite, which is expected to accommodate up to 40,000 additional visits per year and sharply reduce wait times, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The new specialty care services bolster current health care services including dentistry, radiology, optometry, women’s services, immunizations, and counseling, among others. Eastmont Wellness is part of a network of neighborhood-based care centers that provide primary, preventive and specialty health care to East Bay residents, regardless of their ability to pay. Additional wellness centers are located at Highland Hospital, as well as in Hayward and Newark.

“This new specialty clinic helps meet our goal of continually improving our patients’ experience through expanded services, and expanded access to those services,” Benita McLarin, Vice President of AHS Ambulatory Division said. **“Eastmont Wellness, like all AHS wellness centers, is a neighborhood health home for local families seeking quality, affordable care. Patients and families choose to come here because they leave feeling like they got the best service possible from medical professionals and staff who care first about making them better and keeping them healthy.”**

Eastmont Wellness is a member of Alameda Health System (AHS). For more information about health care services available at Eastmont Wellness, please visit www.eastmontahs.org or call (510) 567-5700. For general information about Alameda Health System, please visit www.alamedahealthsystem.org.

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About Alameda Health System (AHS)

Alameda Health System (AHS), a major public health care provider headquartered in Oakland, California, is recognized as a world-class patient and family centered system of care. Its mission – caring, healing, teaching and serving all – sums up the AHS core objectives to promote wellness and eliminate disparities within the diverse communities it serves in Alameda County. As a regional and national leader in health care safety and excellence, AHS aims to optimize the health of all Alameda County residents by multiplying access points to its best-in-class care.

AHS creates positive patient experiences. Service and community engagement are a priority, and the system offers programs that deliver value to individuals across all patient populations regardless of their social or economic status. Quality, financial strength and development of the workforce are also system hallmarks that ensure continual improvement to every aspect of our reach in the community.

A major economic force in Alameda County, AHS employs 3,200 people, including over 500 physicians at six facilities. These include Highland Hospital, a major regional trauma center and teaching hospital, John George Psychiatric Hospital, an acute and emergency care facility in San Leandro, California; Fairmont Hospital, an acute rehabilitation hospital and skilled nursing facility, also in San Leandro; and four ambulatory wellness centers in Oakland, Newark and Hayward, California.