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MinuteClinic Walk-in Medical Clinics Opening in Memphis

Locations Inside Select CVS/pharmacy stores in Five Locations

Woonsocket, R.I., Sept. 18, 2014 – Five MinuteClinic walk-in medical clinics are opening inside select CVS/pharmacy stores in the Memphis metropolitan area. Three clinics opened in Memphis and Cordova earlier this month. A fourth clinic will be added in Springfield on September 24 and a fifth clinic in Bartlett is expected to open October 22. MinuteClinic is the largest and fastest growing provider of walk-in medical clinics in the United States.

The Memphis-area clinics join 27 Tennessee-based MinuteClinic locations inside select CVS/pharmacy stores in the Chattanooga, Knoxville and Nashville metropolitan areas and more than 900 MinuteClinic locations nationwide.

MinuteClinic is open seven days a week with no appointment necessary. Most major health insurance is accepted. For patients paying cash or credit, treatment prices are posted at each clinic and on www.minuteclinic.com. The cost for most services starts at \$79.

"The first MinuteClinic in Tennessee opened in 2005 and since then hundreds of thousands of Volunteer State residents have taken advantage of the increased access to high-quality, convenient and affordable medical care available at many CVS/pharmacy stores," said Andrew Sussman, M.D., president, MinuteClinic and senior vice president/associate chief medical officer, CVS Health. "The demand for MinuteClinic services will grow in Tennessee due in part to the shortage of primary care physicians, the aging Baby Boomer population and the influx of newly insured patients through the Affordable Care Act."

MinuteClinic nurse practitioners specialize in family health care and can diagnose, treat and write prescriptions for common family illnesses such as strep throat and ear, eye, sinus, bladder and bronchial infections. Minor wounds, abrasions, skin conditions and joint sprains are treated, and common vaccinations such as influenza, tetanus, pneumonia and Hepatitis A & B are available at most locations. Walk-in camp, sports and college physicals are available daily.

In addition, MinuteClinic administers a series of wellness services designed to help patients identify lifestyle changes needed to improve their current and future

health, including screenings and monitoring for diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

MinuteClinic practitioners use a software program that at the conclusion of each visit generates educational material and a prescription (when clinically appropriate) for the patient, as well as a diagnostic record that can be sent via electronic health record, fax or mail to a primary care provider with patient permission.

Sussman says MinuteClinic is committed to helping patients find a medical home and believes it can play a complementary role in working with primary care providers.

"About 50 percent of visits occur on evenings, weekends and holidays when patients may not be able to get an appointment with their primary care provider," Sussman said. "And about half of the patients seen at MinuteClinic do not have a personal physician."

Patients who visit MinuteClinic without a primary care provider are provided a list of physicians in the area who are accepting new patients.

The MinuteClinic walk-in medical clinics in Tennessee operate from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

MinuteClinic Locations Inside CVS/pharmacy Stores in the Memphis Area:

Now Open:

- Cordova, 786 N. Germantown Pkwy.
- Memphis, 6116 Quince Rd.
- Memphis, 2115 Union Ave.

Opening Soon:

- Springfield, 903 Memorial Blvd. (Sept. 24)
- Bartlett, 6670 Stage Rd. (Oct. 22)

About MinuteClinic

CVS/minuteclinic_is a division of CVS Health (NYSE: CVS), the largest pharmacy health care provider in the United States. MinuteClinic launched the first retail medical clinics in the United States in 2000 and is the largest provider of retail clinics with more than 900 locations in 29 states and the District of Columbia. By creating a health care delivery model that responds to patient demand, MinuteClinic makes access to high-quality medical treatment easier for more Americans. Nationally, the company has provided care through more than 21 million patient visits, with a 95% customer satisfaction rating. MinuteClinic is the only retail health care provider to receive three consecutive accreditations from The Joint Commission, the national evaluation and certifying agency for nearly

20,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. For more information, visit www.MinuteClinic.com.