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Rep. Moore Wins NACHC “2010 Defender Award”

National Award Honors Lawmaker for Leadership on Behalf of America’s Health Centers

Kansas City, KS - U.S. Representative Dennis Moore was presented the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) “2010 Community Health Defender Award” for his outstanding leadership in expanding health care access to millions of uninsured and medically underserved Americans. Representatives from the Primary Care Association of Kansas (KAMU) and Swope Health Services presented the award to Congressman Moore at his Kansas office earlier today. The award is given each year to members of Congress who have worked to successfully increase the number of Community Health Centers around the country that provide quality primary health care to medically uninsured and underserved people.

“Rep. Moore has been a true and constant supporter of the uninsured and medically underserved citizens both here in Kansas and across the nation,” said Verneda Robinson, President & CEO of Swope Health Services. “Throughout his tenure, providing access to primary health care to those in need has been a priority,” she added.

Health centers serve as the health care home for 20 million people in more than 7,500 communities. Demand for their services has grown, particularly as millions of people have lost their health insurance along with their jobs during the recession. Health centers also save the health care system \$9.9 billion to \$17.6 billion a year by keeping people healthy and out of hospital emergency rooms. With 60 million people now struggling without access to health care, an aggressive plan to preserve, strengthen and expand health centers is being carried forward. Called ACCESS for All America, the plan proposes to invest in new and existing health centers and bring affordable health care access to 30 million people by 2015, and ultimately all medically disenfranchised people.

Swope Health Services seeks to help develop self-empowered, healthy people in healthy communities by providing primary health care, outreach and behavioral health services throughout the Kansas City area. Annually, more than 70,000 patients are served through eight clinic and residential treatment locations in both Kansas and Missouri.