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## **Community Health Center receives \$1.2 million from Obama administration for New Britain site** *Dodd, agency cite expansion for underinsured patients*

NEW BRITAIN – Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) has received a \$1.2 million stimulus grant from the Obama administration to complete its New Britain expansion, adding much-needed capacity for uninsured and underinsured patients.

The grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources was announced today by Senator Christopher Dodd and the statewide health-care agency during the senator's tour of the New Britain site. With 12 core sites and 180 locations in Connecticut, CHC is the largest health-care agency of its kind in the state, providing primary health care, including medical, dental and behavioral health, to Connecticut's underserved population.

In New Britain, the \$1.2 million grant will complete the 10,000-square-foot, second-floor shell of a large two-story addition. The full expansion, which totals 20,000 square feet, will more than double the current size of the New Britain site.

The new expansion will also mean the addition of approximately 15 full-time construction jobs in addition to the 11 full-time permanent health-care jobs to staff the second floor.

"Community health centers provide critical mental, dental and behavioral health services to the thousands of underinsured people in Connecticut," said Senator Dodd. "In order for these centers to continue operating, they require critically important funding. I am pleased that the Community Health Center, Inc. is receiving these federal funds to expand its New Britain location so that they can increase their services and bring jobs to the area.

"During this economic downturn, CHC has thousands of additional patients turning to us to provide them with needed primary care services," said Mark Masselli, president and CEO of CHC. "This award will help us address our patients' needs immediately. We are grateful to Senator Dodd for his continued advocacy of meaningful health reform – as well as for the work of our agency."

The grant from the administration will increase access to health care for

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thousands of new uninsured and underinsured patients at the New Britain site – an estimated 2,000 more.

The New Britain site cares for 10,000 patients annually from mostly New Britain and surrounding towns. The patients receive primary care services for treatment of such chronic diseases as diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, tooth decay and mental health services from medical, behavioral health and dental providers.

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