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Providence to Open Urgent Care Center for District Residents The Urgent Care Center will be the first in Ward 5

(Washington, D.C.) June 27, 2019 – As part of its transformation to better meet the needs of District residents, Providence Health System will soon offer urgent care services. The Providence Urgent Care Center will open on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 on the current campus of Providence and will operate seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends. The Providence Urgent Care Center is the first ever urgent care center in Ward 5.

Providence Health System recently received certificate of need (CON) approval from the District's State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) to operate urgent care services on its campus.

The Urgent Care Center will provide treatment for a wide range of common, non-emergency illnesses. These services range from treating those suffering from the flu, strep throat, or asthma, to the treatment of sprains, strains, and broken bones, along with offering vaccinations, radiology and other lab services.

"Providence will continue to work toward meeting patient needs and addressing the social factors that influence a person's health," said Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee, MD, MPH, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of Providence Health System and Chief Community Impact Officer for Ascension. "We look forward to serving our community by offering another way to access convenient, immediate medical care."

The Urgent Care Center is just one part of Providence's strategy to address unmet health needs of local residents through its healthy village vision to create a community of healthcare and non-healthcare partners supporting the whole person and their well-being.

A 2016 District of Columbia Community Health Needs Assessment found that 23.8 percent of adults did not have an identified primary care provider. It also found that 10 percent of District residents reported delays in getting medical care because they could not get a timely appointment. Providing urgent care services will help address these specific issues.

Providence continues to operate primary care services, skilled nursing care at Carroll Manor, outpatient behavioral health, care coordination for Medicaid beneficiaries through the My Health GPS program, and a retail pharmacy with access to free medications to those who need it most. To learn more about Providence's transformation, visit ProvidenceHealthyVillage.org.

About Providence

Providence has served the District of Columbia for more than 150 years. In addition to providing care through its skilled nursing facility, Carroll Manor, and primary care related services, which includes geriatrics, and behavioral health, Providence is transforming to a new healthcare delivery model that re-envisioning how we deliver care to meet the community's health needs and can best contribute to building healthier communities. For more information, visit ProvidenceHealthyVillage.org.

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