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Quincy health center receives federal designation that creates more access to care

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Clarity Healthcare, a leading community mental health center in Illinois, is thrilled to announce it has been designated as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). This designation is announced alongside the exciting news that Illinois was selected as one of 10 new states to join the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program.

"We are incredibly excited for this opportunity to expand access to critical mental health and substance use services in Illinois," said Stacey Juilfs, Executive Director, Clarity Healthcare. "Being named a CCBHC allows Clarity Healthcare to play a vital role in this important initiative, ensuring our community members have the resources they need to thrive."



Stacey Juilfs

The Biden-Harris Administration announced the additional states being added to the CCBHC program earlier today. Clarity Healthcare had been selected by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to be a CCBHC if IL was selected, but the decision of which states would be selected to join the program had been pending until today.

CCBHC is a transformational program that provides sustainable funding for designated organizations and has been shown to increase access to mental health and substance use care, reduce homelessness and substance use, decrease use of emergency rooms and hospitalizations and improve overall health outcomes. It requires that designated CCBHC organizations provide 24/7 crisis services, outpatient care within 10 business days, medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, care coordination and support services, as well as other evidence-based treatments.

"Clarity Healthcare has a longstanding commitment to serving our communities, regardless of financial limitations," said Juilfs. "By becoming a CCBHC, we can significantly increase our impact and ensure our most vulnerable residents receive the high-quality mental health and substance use services they deserve."

Those wishing to get started can come to Clarity Healthcare at 639 York St., Suite 212, Quincy, IL 62301 or call 1-217-222-6277.

About Clarity Healthcare: Clarity Healthcare is a community health center with nine locations and is part of Preferred Family Healthcare. For more than 40 years, Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH) has been committed to improving the health and wellness in the communities they serve by offering a full continuum of integrated health services. PFH has locations throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Learn more about Clarity Healthcare at www.clarity-healthcare.org and Preferred Family Healthcare at www.pfh.org.

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