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JEWISH RENAISSANCE MEDICAL CENTER INTRODUCES OPTOMETRY SERVICES

Vision Care As New Element of JRMC's Medical Home

PERTH AMBOY, NJ (May 11, 2016): The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) introduces the delivery of eye care & optometry services within its main *Robert Menendez Medical Arts Building* (RMMAB) facility. JRMC will provide individualized vision assessment and care for all patients, with a particular focus in targeting those patients with certain chronic conditions most susceptible to eye disorders and disease, including patients who are diabetics, clinically obese or overweight, tobacco smokers and/or suffer circulatory conditions. More specifically, JRMC will:

- *Examine, diagnose and treat visual conditions such as [nearsightedness](#), [farsightedness](#), [astigmatism](#) and [presbyopia](#);*
- *Examine and diagnose eye diseases such as [glaucoma](#), [cataracts](#), and retinal diseases;*
- *Prescribe glasses and medications;*
- *Sustain formal referral agreements with a strong local and regional network of private Ophthalmologists, particularly to address complex and delicate eye surgery; and*
- *Continue outreach and educational activities designed to teach patients how to reduce risk associated with eye disease.*

JRMC recently hired Dr. Walter Beckford, a renowned Optometrist who has been practicing vision care in New Jersey for over 26 years. A graduate of the New England College of Optometry, in addition to working in private practice for nearly three decades, he also currently works as a Staff Optometrist for Rutgers University. In this role, he is providing vision care for incarcerated inmates in a correctional setting.

“The extent of severe vision impairments and eye diseases continues to grow among high-risk populations”, states Dr. Beckford. “The ability to deliver vision care within the construct of preventative and primary care will not only maximize vision health specifically, but function as a key contributor to the overall health and wellness of patients cared for”.

Located in downtown Perth Amboy, NJ (275 Hobart Street) and a 48,000 square foot, former office building, RMMAB is a state-of-the-art ‘medical home’ for all persons, with a primary focus in caring for economically challenged and medically underserved communities – *in fact, it is the largest community health center in all of Perth Amboy and Middlesex County.*

“Driven by our commitment to sustaining a Patient-Centered Medical Home in our central facility, adding vision care furthers our critical goal of improving the management and clinical oversight of chronic care coordination, i.e., operating as a ‘one-stop’ medical home for our growing patient base,” states Mark Roberts, JRMC’s Chief Executive Officer.

To schedule an appointment for eye care, contact JRMC’s Call Center at 732-376-JRMC or 732-376-9333.

For further information, please contact Jorge Cruz at jcruz@jrmc.us, or 732-376-6670.

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About The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center

Established as one of the nation’s first ever faith-based, federally qualified health center (FQHC), the *Jewish Renaissance Medical Center* (established by the Jewish Renaissance Foundation) offers the full range of internal and family medicine, dental care, mental healthcare, and various areas of specialized treatment for over 34,000 impoverished children and families. In community and school-based health centers in Perth Amboy and Newark, JRMC offers the full lifespan of healthcare – from pediatric to geriatric care. JRMC has a growing team of over 200 professional and clinical staff.