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Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. and Cottage Hospital Partner in Expanding Primary Care Services

Patient access to affordable primary preventive health services was recently expanded in the Woodsville area through a partnership with Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS) and Cottage Hospital. Family Practice Drs. Aaron Solnit and Sarah Young-Xu, Pediatric Drs. Claire Bolon and Loren Solnit, and Clinical Psychologist Doug Speck will continue providing care at the 79 Swiftwater Road location.

This transition of services to ACHS provides patients with a medical home that enhances the integration of medical, behavioral, and oral health. Patients will have increased access to wrap services such as Family Planning, WIC/CSFP Nutrition Programs, and Home Visiting, as well as better access to sliding-fee scale discounts and pharmacy assistance programs for those who qualify.

“This is a real celebration of community partnerships,” said Norrine Williams, Executive Director of ACHS. “Cottage Hospital, as a Critical Access Hospital, joined forces with ACHS, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and HRSA to make much-needed expansion happen. We are strong partners in helping improve access to health care services for our communities. By working together, we can leverage more resources. In the future, we can assist each other in meeting challenges of health care which are so difficult for small hospitals and rural providers.”

Reg, Lavoie, Administrator for Cottage Hospital, added, “We have been working together for a long time to make this happen. It certainly helps ensure the long term stability of primary care in our region.”

All of this was made possible through an Expanded Medical Capacity Grant awarded to Ammonoosuc Community Health Services by the Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Founded in 1975, ACHS is a nonprofit community health center offering a network of affordable primary care services to over 10,000 patients through six delivery sites. ACHS programs promote and support the well-being of individuals and families by emphasizing preventive care and encouraging active participation in one’s own health.

Founded in 1093, Cottage Hospital is dedicated to improving the health status of the population it serves through leadership and collaboration with other health care organizations. Its vision commits to being proactive in influencing and adapting to the changes in the direction and focus of health care, as it continues to evolve.

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