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Indian Health Service Celebrates New Health Center Groundbreaking

The Indian Health Service, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), held a groundbreaking ceremony today for the new Clinton Indian Health Center in Clinton, Oklahoma.

The Clinton facility is projected to serve an Indian user population of 3,631 living in the Clinton Service Area, with an estimated 18,385 primary care patient visits per year. The clinic will also serve the counties of Beckham Blaine, Custer, Dewey, Roger Mills, and Washita with optometry services for a projected population of 5,897. The clinic will provide a wide variety of services, such as primary care, audiology, dental care, eye care (including optometry), diagnostic imaging, pharmacy, physical therapy, mental health, social work, and a child behavior unit. Preventive health services such as public health nursing, public health education, and women-infant-child services will also be provided. Additionally, support services will include administration, business office, health information management, information management, clinical engineering, facilities, management, environmental health and engineering, housekeeping, and property and supply.

“Last year the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma entered into an Indian Self-Determination construction management contract with the IHS, and this new health center is a reflection of the power of Tribal collaboration and self-determination,” stated Dr. Charles W. Grim, IHS Director. “This contract was to design and construct an \$18.9 million dollar replacement facility for the 72-year old hospital. We have made great strides in improving Indian health by working in partnership with the American Indian population and Tribal governments.”

“The new replacement facility will have more than twice the total space of the previous old buildings,” stated John Daugherty, IHS Oklahoma Area Director. “The health center will expand their existing service of care and will also provide a myriad of new services to the American Indian population in this area.”



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