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VA Black Hills Health Care System Awards Contract for Gordon Veteran Clinic

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Black Hills Health Care System has awarded a contract to Gordon Memorial Health Services to provide outpatient care to Veterans at their Gordon, NE Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC).

VA Black Hills Health Care System and Gordon Memorial Health Services have implemented an action plan and both entities want to assure Veterans that their health care needs will be met as we transition from VA staffed to contract staff services. It is anticipated that Gordon Memorial Health Services will take over operation of the clinic effective July 12, 2010. The Veterans clinic will be held at Gordon Memorial Health Services Clinic located at 807 N. Ash Street.

All Veterans enrolled in the Gordon CBOC will receive a letter advising them on services available, introducing any new staff and providing new contact information which would begin July 12.

The goal is to make this transition as seamless as possible for our Veterans. The transition to a contract operated clinic will improve access and ensure more timely care to Gordon area Veterans. Providing services through Gordon Memorial Health Services will increase outpatient primary care services to Veterans five days a week.

“VA Black Hills Health Care System is operating very successful contract managed clinics in Pierre, Winner, Eagle Butte, Faith and Isabel, SD and most recently, Scottsbluff, NE,” said Peter Henry, Director. “It is our intention to provide the same high quality of care and access for our Veterans in Gordon through the contract model.”

VA Black Hills Health Care System previously announced plans to restructure four CBOC’s serving Veterans in Scottsbluff, Alliance and Gordon, NE and Newcastle, WY from VA staffed to contract operated clinics. The Scottsbluff CBOC was awarded and began operation Spring of 2010 and the Gordon CBOC is the second clinic to be awarded a contract.

Veterans or family members with questions about the restructuring of the Gordon clinic may contact Stacie Collins, CBOC Coordinator/Administrative Officer at 605-745-2821 or Byron Mutschelknaus, CBOC Coordinator/Administrative Officer at 605-718-1095, Ext. 3049.

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