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***Genesee County Health Department announces new dental center opening to provide affordable and quality care to those most in need.***

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) is pleased to announce a new partnership with My Community Dental Centers Inc. (MCDC) to expand access to dental care. The new dental center located at G4007 W. Court Street, 2D, Flint will be operated by MCDC on behalf of the health department. The center will provide quality dental care to all and welcomes children and adults enrolled in Medicaid, including Healthy Kids Dental, Healthy Michigan Plan and private dental insurance.

The six chair Flint dental center will be opening in early March 2018. The center will provide comprehensive dental services including oral exam/cleanings, fillings, tooth removal, partials, dentures, and other dental procedures. The organization is also pleased to offer My Dental Program (MyDP) for those without dental insurance, which provides reduced fees based on household income. An initial exam with X-rays will be \$39 for new patients.

A lack of access to dental care negatively affects the community's health and well-being. When an oral health emergency strikes, those enrolled in Medicaid and the uninsured often head to the emergency room, not the dentist. "This new center will be a much needed asset in the community" stated John McKellar, Acting Health Officer for Genesee County, "we look forward partnering with MCDC and having this new resource available to the Genesee County service area."

Established in 2006, MCDC is the largest non-profit 501(c)3 Dental Support Organization in the United States. It currently operates 36 dental centers statewide, with over 100,000 unique patients served in 2017. MCDC focuses on quality care that is customized for each patient and offered in a patient-centered atmosphere with exceptional customer service. The centers also utilize electronic patient records, digital radiography, and state-of-the-art dental equipment.

MCDC looks forward to providing a dental home to residents of Genesee County who have previously been unable to find a dentist. Studies show when your mouth is healthy, chances are your overall health is good as well.

The dental center will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment please call 877-313-6232 or visit the MCDC website at [www.mydental.org](http://www.mydental.org).