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Fan Free Clinic Gains Accreditation— Positions Itself to Serve More Patients

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Fan Free Clinic (FFC) announced today that it has received accreditation from the Virginia Association of Free Clinics (VAFC). The first free clinic in Virginia, FFC is among the first free clinics in the state to receive accreditation. The Virginia Health Care Foundation provided funding to the VAFC for the adoption of the newly established accreditation process. The accreditation standards were developed over several months by free clinic leaders in the state in consultation with the Virginia Department of Health. Virginia has the second highest number of free clinics and one of the strongest free clinic associations in the nation.

John Baumann, Fan Free Clinic’s executive director stated, “We are grateful to be accredited and to have been part of the process that will result in better and more streamlined care for all free clinic patients. With the adoption of standardized clinical procedures throughout the state, we are even more accountable to our patients and to each other.” Measurements for accreditation include VAFC and peer-to-peer review of medical clinic policies and procedures, financial strength and stability, stewardship, governance, and overall quality of care. “Ultimately, we are better positioned to meet ever-growing patient demand,” he said.

Founded in 1993, the VAFC is the nation’s oldest free clinic association. It is a private, nonprofit membership organization that provides training and technical assistance, research, resource development and advocacy to free clinics throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. It represents and supports Virginia’s network of 55 free clinics, which are one of Virginia’s largest providers of health care to the uninsured.

Fan Free Clinic, incorporated in 1970, is located at 1010 North Thompson Street. Clinic services are offered through multiple daytime and evening sessions each week and include general medicine, gynecology, pediatrics, primary care, family planning, and sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, as well as daytime and evening HIV antibody testing. For more information, call (804) 358-6343 or visit our website at www.fanfreeclinic.org.

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