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LifeSpring Health Systems Awarded Federally Qualified Health Center Status

(JEFFERSONVILLE, IN)—LifeSpring Health Systems announced an award from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Administration Department today. The award designates LifeSpring as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). FQHC's provide comprehensive primary healthcare services in medically underserved areas and populations.

LifeSpring's FQHC, called LifeSpring Community Medical Services, will be located at the Integrated Treatment Center on Sharon Drive in Jeffersonville. LifeSpring Community Medical will focus on serving the mentally ill and homeless populations, although anyone will be able to receive care, regardless of income or insurances. LifeSpring Community Medical will be operational by August 30, 2015.

"This award is an exciting step forward in providing increased access to healthcare to those in our community who need it most. Our Board of Directors and staff have been committed to this expansion of services for several years. Today we celebrate. The hard work begins tomorrow," said Dr. Terry Stawar, President/CEO of LifeSpring.

The HHS announcement can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2015pres/05/20150505a.html>.

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LifeSpring Health Systems is the state designated community mental health center in Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Scott and Washington counties and a Federally Qualified Health Center. LifeSpring serves more than 7,000 clients annually by providing a comprehensive spectrum of behavioral healthcare services. To learn more, visit LifeSpring's website at www.lifespringhealthsystems.org.