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Health Center Receives Funding for Prescription Drugs

Mashpee – Community Health Center of Cape Cod has been awarded \$40,000 from the office of Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley to provide wider access to prescription medications for low income, uninsured and underinsured individuals in Massachusetts. The assistance will be based on patients' income, health and prescription type.

The patients who will benefit from the funding are uninsured; those who fall between the cracks in public programs such as MassHealth, Commonwealth Care or Health Safety Net; and low-income individuals who cannot afford prescription co-payments. Typically, these are people who require an ongoing regimen of one or multiple prescription medications for chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart disease or for behavioral health issues such as depression, anxiety or substance abuse. Many of these patients must choose between filling costly prescriptions or necessary household expenditures such as rent, food and heating costs.

“We are grateful to the Attorney General for providing funding to help our most vulnerable patients with their medication costs,” says Chief Executive officer Karen Gardner. In 10 years, the Health Center has provided more than \$3 million in prescription assistance in the form of sample medications, vouchers for purchase and help with enrolling in pharmaceutical discount programs. This has been made possible through private donors, foundations, retail outlets such as Shaw's in Falmouth, and partnering pharmaceutical companies.

The Attorney General provided more than \$1 million in prescription medication grants to 15 community health centers throughout Massachusetts. Community Health Center of Cape Cod is the only community health center on the Cape to receive the funding.

Community Health Center of Cape Cod is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center that provides access to health care for adults and children with MassHealth, Commonwealth Care, Medicare, private insurance, or no insurance at all. Services include primary and preventive care, dental care, behavioral health, coordinated case management, and prescription assistance, at locations in Falmouth, Mashpee and Bourne. Visit the Health Center online at chcofcapecod.org

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