

*□ Congressman Secured Federal Funds and Supported Recovery Act Funds to Construct and Equip New Facility*

*Monticello, NY* - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today joined Hudson River HealthCare officials to formally open a new dental health center in Sullivan County. Hinchey secured \$200,000 in federal funds to help equip the new dental health center in Monticello, which also utilized \$350,000 in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the economic stimulus bill of 2009, which Hinchey strongly supported and voted to pass.

"This new dental facility is a tangible result of a significant federal investment in the future of Monticello and all of the communities throughout Sullivan County," Hinchey said. "This center is already having an incredibly positive impact in the lives of thousands of people in our region who struggle to afford basic health care services. The new dental center will further build on this success and ensure that low-income adults and families have a place to go for much-needed preventative care and dental procedures. Proper dental care can help prevent a host of health problems and I am pleased that Sullivan County residents who lacked affordable access to such care now have a convenient option right in their backyard. As such, the new dental services now offered at this site will make this center even more vital and integral to this community and the surrounding region."

Hudson River HealthCare purchased the small office next door to its current facility in order to expand dental and pediatric services. The congressman used his position on the House Appropriations Committee to obtain \$200,000 to construct and equip the new dental center as part of the Labor-Health and Human Services appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2010.

For nearly four decades, Hudson River HealthCare has continued to improve and expand its non-profit services to low-income individuals and family across the Catskill and Hudson Valley regions. The Monticello Center is now one of sixteen sites that provide primary care and other services to more than 65,000 people annually.

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