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Clinic increases healthcare options

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Howard County Community Health Center had its ribbon cutting Thursday morning.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members as well as representatives from Scenic Mountain Medical Center were on hand to celebrate the event.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for area residents to have more

access to healthcare services," SMMC CEO Larry Rodgers said. "This is a great thing for our community."

The health center offers general medical services and there are plans to include a pharmacy and dental services within six months. Payment for services is



Rodgers

determined on a sliding scale, based on income.

"Having the health center here helps us better utilize emergency room services and provides a different avenue for local patients," Rodgers said.

According to Rodgers, SMMC and the health center have already started discussing ideas and collaborating together in order to provide quality health care to all Crossroads resi-

dents.

Howard County Community Health Center is located next to Dragon China at 1300 S. Gregg St. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to make an appointment, call 432-517-4557.

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