



## ***Community Volunteers in Medicine Partners with Penn Medicine to Launch New Medical “Microsite” in West Grove***

*New microsite care location opens to combat health inequities*

WEST CHESTER, PA – May 2, 2023 – [Community Volunteers in Medicine \(CVIM\)](#), a community-based health organization providing free high-quality healthcare to uninsured working people in the Chester County region, launched a new medical “microsite” in West Grove, PA. The microsite, located at the Penn Medicine Southern Chester County outpatient facility, will provide hyper-local access to primary and specialty medical care, vaccines for COVID-19, flu and other communicable diseases, medication refills, telehealth virtual care and eligibility screening for all CVIM programs and services.

CVIM, founded in 1998, serves over 4,000 individuals and families among the working uninsured in the region. The organization relies on 350 clinical and support volunteers who donate their time and professional services. Almost 30% of CVIM’s 4,250 patients live in southern Chester County. The new microsite location will offer care to **about 1,200 people closer to home**, saving them a 25 to 30 mile drive to CVIM’s main center in West Chester.

"Everyone in our community deserves access to quality care," said Maureen Tomoschuk, President and CEO of CVIM. "That is why we are enthusiastic about expanding our services and bringing healthcare closer to our patients’ homes and workplaces. With each expansion, we further our mission of providing free, high-quality healthcare to uninsured working people."

"We are proud to support CVIM and provide a new pathway to care for patients through our West Grove facility," said Kevin B. Mahoney, CEO of the University of Pennsylvania Health System. "CVIM is a force for high-quality healthcare, and we are honored to join forces through this innovative project to further support health and wellness in Chester County."

This microsite was developed to respond to the community's evolving needs, addressing barriers to care such as transportation, technology, language and literacy. All of these issues prevent uninsured patients from attending healthcare appointments. Additionally, the microsite offers a medical assistant and a bilingual certified nurse onsite to facilitate and conduct telehealth and in-person visits.

CVIM's new medical microsite is located at 455 Woodview Road in West Grove, in space donated by Penn Medicine’s Chester County Hospital, and will be open one day per week to start.

### **About Community Volunteers in Medicine**

Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) was founded in 1998 to provide healthcare, hope and healing to local uninsured working adults and their children. CVIM has treated thousands of patients since its opening and last year cared for about 4,000 patients during nearly 40,000 visits. Primary and specialty medical care, comprehensive dental services, and free prescription

medicines are provided to uninsured individuals and families earning less than 300% of the federal poverty level. Care is given in a comfortable setting by compassionate volunteer licensed healthcare professionals, support volunteers, and a core staff. CVIM's operating budget is supported entirely by a generous community of philanthropic individuals, foundations, corporations, faith-based organizations and civic groups. For more information, visit [www.cvim.org](http://www.cvim.org).

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