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## **LSU Reopens Health Clinic at Dr. Leo S. Butler Community Center**

**Adult primary care will be available five days a week**

**Baton Rouge (January 23, 2008)** – The LSU Health Care Services Division is reopening the LSU Earl K. Long South Baton Rouge Clinic at 950 E. Washington Street in the Dr. Leo S. Butler Community Center.

The ribbon-cutting and press conference for the reopening will be Monday, January 28, at 10:30 AM. The clinic will offer adult primary care, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Friday, and referrals for specialty care.

“This clinic is another example of LSU hospitals and clinics providing preventive care where it is needed and when it is needed,” said Dr. Michael K. Butler, LSU HCSD Acting Chief Executive Officer. “Everyone deserves quality health care, regardless of where a person lives, and we are intent on providing it.”

Staff includes a physician, two licensed practical nurses, and a registered nurse. Appointments are necessary. To schedule an appointment call the Earl K. Long Medical Center Central Scheduling Department at 225.358.4853.

LSU has three other outpatient clinic locations.

The Earl K. Long Medical Center (EKLMC), 5825 Airline Highway, has outpatient clinic services in women’s health, family practice, internal medicine, surgery, orthopedics, oral surgery, HIV, pediatrics, dermatology, rheumatology, and other subspecialties.

The Midcity Clinic, 1401 North Foster, has outpatient clinic services in family practice, dermatology, early intervention, pediatrics, ophthalmology, and wound and diabetic foot care.

The North Baton Rouge Clinic at the Jewel Newman Center, 2013 Central Road, has adult primary-care outpatient services.

LSU HCSD has also broken ground on its University Hospital North Baton Rouge Clinic on Airline Highway, several blocks north of the EKLMC.

“Earl K. Long Medical Center is far more than its main campus and inpatient services,” said Dr. Kathy Viator, Acting Hospital Administrator for EKLMC. “We serve all of Baton Rouge and will continue to meet the needs of those in the region with our inpatient and outpatient health-care services.”

One of the largest public hospital systems in the country, the LSU Health Care Services Division is the medical provider for almost 20% of Louisiana’s population. It has over 60,000 admissions, 350,000 patient days, 1 million outpatient visits, and over 350,000 emergency department visits. Each year 1700 residents from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 4,000 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU HCSD facilities.

LSU HCSD is the largest single provider of uncompensated inpatient care in Louisiana and provides over 95% of the health care for Louisiana’s prisoners. LSU hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.6 billion in asset business activity, \$918 million in personal earnings, and support over 10,000 jobs.

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