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Governor Jindal Is Keynote Speaker at Opening of LSU North Baton Rouge Clinic

Baton Rouge (June 1, 2009) – Governor Bobby Jindal will be the keynote speaker at the opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new LSU Health System North Baton Rouge Clinic, 5439 Airline Highway, Thursday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m.

The clinic will provide quality comprehensive adult preventive care in a state-of-the-art facility, offering the best in primary care, cancer services, and women's health.

"LSU is continually evolving in its provision of health care to ensure that residents receive the best possible medical services," said Dr. Fred Cerise, Vice President for Health Affairs and Medical Education. "The North Baton Rouge Clinic is another example of LSU bringing health care closer to the people we serve."

With 44,000 square feet and two floors, the clinic will be the umbrella facility for specialty clinics that have been housed at the Earl K. Long Medical Center, such as OB/GYN, cancer services, and primary care medicine.

The ready availability of health care providers in such an excellent facility will encourage people to receive preventive health care and disease treatment on schedule, preventing minor illness from becoming major.

The Women's Clinic and Primary Care Clinic will provide comprehensive obstetrics and gynecological services.

The Primary Care Clinic and its Disease Management Program will offer patient education to prevent the many complications that can arise from chronic diseases.

"The LSU Disease Management Program is recognized nationwide for its superior outcomes," said Dr. Michael K. Butler, CEO of the LSU Health Care Services Division. "Much of that success is due to accomplishments the program has made here in Baton Rouge. We will continue to provide nothing less than quality health care."

The North Baton Rouge Clinic has 30 exam rooms, a community meeting room, a diagnostics laboratory, a pharmacy, and radiology services.

Laboratory services will include standard and special chemistry; urine, hematology, and bacteriology studies; and therapeutic drug monitoring. Radiology services will include PET/CT scanning, digital radiology studies, digital mammography, and obstetric and general ultrasound services.

Cardiology services will include EKG, Echo, and stress-testing capabilities.

The facility will also have an urgent care clinic for unexpected medical needs.

Easily accessible, this \$18 million facility will accommodate the region's rapidly growing population and is another opportunity for LSU to provide quality health care to North Baton Rouge residents.

The LSU Health System - Health Care Services Division is one of the largest public health care delivery systems in the country. It has over 35,000 inpatient admissions, nearly 196,000 inpatient days, 515,500 outpatient clinic visits, 894,000 outpatient encounters, and nearly 244,000 emergency department visits. Each year nearly 500 residents and fellows from the LSU and Tulane Schools of Medicine and Ochsner Health System and 2,200 nurses and allied health students from many colleges and universities are trained in LSU facilities.

LSU is the largest single provider of uncompensated inpatient care in Louisiana. LSU HCSD hospitals have an economic impact of over \$1.4 billion in asset business activity, \$568 million in personal earnings, and generate over 12,000 jobs.

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