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## PROJECT ACCESS BEGINS ENROLLMENT PROCESS

### Jackson County uninsured to get free or low cost medical care

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Wednesday, February 7, 2007 – Jackson County uninsured are now able sign up for coordinated health care coverage through Project Access, a new community program lead by the Jackson County Medical Society along with several community organizations including Foote Health System, the Jackson County Community Foundation, LifeWays, Jackson County 2-1-1 and the United Way of Jackson County. This program provides health care to low-income individuals who do not have coverage and do not qualify for public assistance. Residents enrolled in the program will have access to primary care physicians, as well as receive many other healthcare services at no or minimal cost.

Starting February 7<sup>th</sup>, residents can pick up applications at several Jackson locations, including:

- Community Connections, 1200 North West Avenue,
- Center For Family Health, 2200 Springport Road,
- Jackson County Community Foundation, One Jackson Square, Suite 110A, and
- United Way of Jackson County, 729 West Michigan Avenue.

Completed applications and necessary documentation should be submitted to Project Access c/o Community Connections, 1200 North West Avenue, Jackson, Michigan, 49202, for consideration. Qualifying Jackson County residents will be matched with

local physicians who will provide their primary medical care. Applicants should be contacted within 30 days of submitting their application. An initial enrollment of 500 residents is planned for the first year of operation.

Basic eligibility requirements for Project Access include:

- U.S. citizen or legal U.S. resident.
- Do not currently receive state or federal medical benefits.
- Family income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Age 19 or older.
- Resident of Jackson County.
- Have no medical insurance.

For further information on how Jackson County residents can enroll in Project Access, please contact Jackson County 2-1-1 by dialing 2-1-1 from a land line telephone in Jackson County, or by dialing 517-789-1211 or 866-561-2500 from a cell phone or from outside Jackson County.