



## **Media Release**

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### **Harris County Hospital District Relocates Dental Center** *New site provides better patient access, opportunity to grow services*

The Harris County Hospital District Dental Center, previously located in downtown Houston at 1612 Fannin, will relocate and open at 5230 Griggs Rd. in the Palm Center business strip on Monday, Feb. 21, 2005. Hours of operation will remain Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The new 11,000- square-foot facility will provide better access to hospital district patients.

“Previously, patients had to travel downtown and search for parking, which is scarce and expensive,” said Josie LaMott, Dental Center director. “The new site has a vast parking area and patients won’t have to pay a fee to park.”

Patients also can use public transportation to access services at the new facility. There is an existing Metro route that stops near the center’s parking lot.

Services at the Dental Center will remain the same, including full and partial denture replacements, dental emergencies and oral surgery.

Plans to add preventive services like cleanings, extractions and fillings are also in the works for later this year, according to LaMott.

“Once we are able to add preventive and routine care we anticipate our patient capacity will increase by about 6,000 visits per year,” she said. “With added services we can better serve our community.”

HCHD’s Dental Center sees an average of 70 patient visits daily, sometimes more than 100.

The Harris County Hospital District comprises three major hospitals including Ben Taub and Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospitals and Quentin Mease Community Hospital; 12 community health centers; 13 satellite homeless shelter clinics; six school-based clinics and four mobile health units.

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