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HIV clinic in Federal Way increases treatment access for patients

OLYMPIA — The Department of Health is funding a new HIV satellite clinic in Federal Way. It's the fourth department-funded satellite clinic aimed at improving access to primary medical care for HIV-positive people in Puget Sound.

The satellite clinic operates through a partnership with Harborview Medical Center's Madison Clinic. A Harborview physician will be available every Thursday at the UW-Neighborhood Clinic in Federal Way to provide care to HIV patients living in Federal Way and nearby communities. The department is giving Harborview \$42,000 to cover the physician's time and the costs of administering the services. The clinic opened Oct. 9, 2014.

Earlier satellite clinics opened in Everett, Bremerton and Olympia (in partnership with SeaMar Community Health Center). The state health department estimates that there are as many as 2,365 people living with HIV in the southern King County and Pierce County areas.

Satellite clinics staffed by HIV medical specialists from Harborview serve patients who might otherwise not get care or go through treatment delays due to having to leave the area to find an infectious disease specialist. The goal in expanding and enhancing this network of clinics is to make health care more available and accessible to HIV patients with ongoing medical needs. This helps patients get needed treatment to suppress their viral levels, and it also greatly reduces their chances of infecting other people.

HIV patients living near Federal Way can visit the UW-Neighborhood Clinic at 32018 23rd Ave. S., or call (206) 744-5100 or (253) 839-3030 for more information.

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