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**MinuteClinic Becomes Participating Provider With MedCost in  
North Carolina Health Care Centers**

**MINNEAPOLIS (Feb. 21, 2006)** – MinuteClinic, which supports 14 health care centers in CVS/pharmacy stores in North Carolina, announced that it has become a participating provider with MedCost — the leading independent PPO network in the Carolinas.

Effective immediately, patients who are MedCost members will pay the office visit co-pay indicated on their insurance card at MinuteClinic locations in Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham.

MinuteClinics are staffed by family nurse practitioners and physician assistants who are trained to diagnose, treat and provide prescriptions (when clinically appropriate) for common family illnesses such as strep throat and ear, eye, sinus, bladder and bronchial infections. MinuteClinic also offers common vaccinations, such as flu shots, tetanus, MMR and Hepatitis A & B.

MinuteClinics in the Carolinas are open Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

“Our goal is to integrate simple health care solutions into consumers’ lifestyles,” said MinuteClinic CEO Michael Howe. “By offering affordable and convenient treatment to members accessing the MedCost network, we are helping to reduce costs and the time North Carolinians spend away from their families and the workplace.”

MinuteClinics are located in the following Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham areas:

### **Charlotte MinuteClinic Health Care Center Locations**

- Ballantyne, CVS/pharmacy – 13845 Conlan Circle
- Charlotte, CVS/pharmacy – 10515 Mallard Creek Road (Mallard Crossing)
- Huntersville, CVS/pharmacy – 7920 Sam Furr Road (Birkdale area)
- Matthews, CVS/pharmacy – 3610 Matthews Mint Hill Road
- Mooresville, CVS/pharmacy – 559 River Highway (I-77 Exit 36t)
- Waxhaw, CVS/pharmacy – 1142 N. Broome Street
- Carmel, CVS/pharmacy – 4100 Carmel Road (Quail Hollow area—coming soon)

### **Raleigh/Durham MinuteClinic Health Care Center Locations**

- Cary, CVS/pharmacy – 2979 Highway 55 (High House Crossing)
- Cary, CVS/pharmacy – 2994 Kildaire Farm Road (Hemlock Plaza)
- North Durham, CVS/pharmacy – 3573 Hillsborough Road
- Woodcroft, CVS/pharmacy – 6911 Garrett Road
- Durham, CVS/pharmacy – 1845 Martin Luther King Boulevard (University -- Commons -- South Square Area)
- Knightdale, CVS/pharmacy – 7201 U.S. Highway 64
- Raleigh, CVS/pharmacy – 2340 Spring Forest Road
- Glenwood, CVS/pharmacy – 6480 Glenwood Avenue

### **About MinuteClinic**

MinuteClinic is the pioneer and largest provider of retail health care in the United States with 73 health care centers in 9 states and plans to open 200 more in 2006. MinuteClinic has provided nearly 400,000 patient visits with 99 percent customer satisfaction. It has produced substantial savings of health care expenditures and also reduced the time spent by patients seeking treatment for conditions it addresses. For information, visit [www.minuteclinic.com](http://www.minuteclinic.com).

### **About MedCost**

MedCost, LLC is the largest independent health management innovator in the Carolinas. Based in Winston-Salem, NC, the comprehensive MedCost PPO network encompasses all of North and South Carolina. We currently partner with more than 100 claim administrators to serve our PPO customers. Since our founding in 1983, the MedCost mission has remained unchanged: to provide the best possible health care services at an affordable cost.

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