

# Specialty Care for a Healthy Community

## Project Access of Montgomery County, Maryland

*Building access to specialty care through community partnerships.*



"I am very thankful for the services that Project Access has offered me. Today, I am proud to say that I stand in good health condition and I am a cancer survivor because of God, my family, friends, and Project Access.

**Thank you!"** – Vidal A., former Project Access care recipient.

### What is Project Access?

Project Access is a specialty care referral network administered by the Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County (PCC). It is composed of a dedicated group of health care specialists, local hospitals, and diagnostic facilities that participate in a coordinated effort to provide specialty care to low-income, uninsured residents of our community.

### An Unmet Need in Montgomery County

Montgomery County has approximately 60,000 low-income, uninsured residents, and that number continues to grow. So does the demand for specialty care services. Project Access needs more volunteer specialists to help meet this need.

Project Access specialists help our most vulnerable neighbors gain timely access to specialty care, potentially avoiding acute hospitalizations and expensive medical bills. By seeing a manageable number of Project Access patients in your own office, you can improve the health and lives of the patients you see and help improve the health of Montgomery County as a whole.

In 2012, Project Access specialists served **1,800 patients** and donated more than **2,200 pro-bono appointments**.

### How it Works

Specialists who volunteer with Project Access can focus on what they do best—treating patients—without worrying about arranging for diagnostic testing, securing access to medications, or other challenges associated with treating uninsured patients. Participating doctors and practices determine the number and type of Project Access patients they see, and Project Access administrative staff and RNs help coordinate care. Here's how it works:

- Primary care providers at Montgomery Cares clinics request specialty care referrals through Project Access
- Project Access RNs screen and triage referral requests and schedule appointments
- Patient records are transmitted to your practice prior to the initial consult
- Patients are seen in your medical practice
- Consult reports, orders, and prescriptions are sent back to Project Access, so that we can help coordinate care
- Project Access staff arrange for diagnostic testing and prescription medications
- Project Access staff work with local hospitals and facilities that donate resources—such as operating rooms and anesthesia—if they are needed

### Did you know?

Expenses your practice incurs while donating services to Project Access may be **tax deductible!**

Talk to your accountant or tax attorney to find out more.

If you can't participate as a Project Access specialist at this time, consider making a tax deductible donation to provide specialty care to low-income, uninsured members of our community. OVER

# Specialty Care for a Healthy Community, continued

## Get Involved

Every day Project Access clinicians make a difference in our community. Join this network of providers who deliver extraordinary care in extraordinary circumstances.

For more information, or to volunteer your services, please contact:

### Project Access Program Manager

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### PCC is making health care happen.

Our vision is a community in which all residents will have the opportunity to live healthy lives. We work with clinics, hospitals, health care providers, and other community partners to coordinate health services for our most vulnerable neighbors.

PCC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All donations to PCC or its programs are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request. Documents and information submitted to the State under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage.

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