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(Springfield, MO) Family Medical Walk-In Clinics announced it has signed the 400th member of its Affordable Care Solutions health care program.

“This is an important milestone for us,” said Tammy Mallow-Elly, Family Medical Walk-In Clinics’ director of business operations, “a testament, not only to the loyalty and appreciation we have received from the local community, but also to the increasing need for affordable health care.”

A \$50 monthly fee gives members of Affordable Care Solutions access to \$30 office visits for urgent care, primary care, and non-operative orthopedic services. This fee covers most on-site clinical tests and treatments, including x-rays, intravenous fluids, sutures, and in-house lab tests, such as rapid strep, CBC, and urinalysis, as well as many other medical services.

“Affordable Care Solutions is *not* an insurance plan,” Mallow-Elly stresses, “but it can be a way for businesses to reduce employee health care costs and minimize the rise in insurance premiums, all while providing more convenient access to quality care. Everyone wins.”

Mallow-Elly adds, “Patients are welcome to walk in to any of our four convenient locations, so there’s no need to make an appointment.”

Affordable Care Solutions offers the owners of small and mid-sized local businesses a competitive advantage in recruiting and retaining employees while cutting health care costs. Additionally, many business owners have found that attendance has improved now that employees have an affordable health care option.

A recent article in *The Wall Street Journal* noted that programs of this type have resulted in significant savings for business owners by making it possible to switch to a higher deductible insurance plan and use a membership program like Affordable Care Solutions to help fill the gap.

Affordable Care Solutions membership is available to companies as an employee benefit as well as to individuals and families. For more information about Affordable Care Solutions membership, call (417) 890-5550 or visit the web site (www.fmwic.com).