

“The Clinic at Walmart” Operated by Franciscan Skemp Healthcare to Open on October 20, 2009

Franciscan Skemp’s first in-store clinic in the Southside Walmart Supercenter to bring affordable health care to thousands of La Crosse-area residents

La Crosse, WI. October 19, 2009 – Today, Walmart and Franciscan Skemp Healthcare announced La Crosse’s newest offering of health care services – “The Clinic at Walmart” operated by Franciscan Skemp. This convenient care clinic will open at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in the Walmart supercenter located at 4622 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse. The clinic will provide fast, affordable access to basic health care services such as check-ups, immunizations, screenings and minor injuries. The clinic will be open for walk-in service Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For busy customers who are seeking affordable, accessible health care, especially during evening hours or on weekends, clinics play a key role in the health care system. These clinics can help keep people out of overcrowded emergency rooms – 10 to 15 percent of clinic customers surveyed said they would have used an emergency room had the clinic in Walmart not been available, while another 5 to 10 percent would have gone without treatment entirely, potentially leading to more serious complications down the road*.

“By joining with Walmart to operate “The Clinic at Walmart,” Franciscan Skemp Healthcare is one step closer to ensuring the health and wellness of our community,” said John Nemec, vice president of regional services for Franciscan Skemp Healthcare. “Our clinic is staffed with licensed health care providers, even on nights and weekends, so families can receive quality care without a long wait. Medical direction is provided through our health system, so patients can feel confident in the quality of the care they receive.”

Franciscan Skemp was the first hospital in Western Wisconsin, and operates 10 clinics and three hospitals in a tri-state area.

“We are constantly looking for ways to add value for our customers and, with this clinic, we hope to provide La Crosse customers with affordable, accessible and convenient health care,” said Bruce Shepard, Walmart’s director of health business development. “And because Franciscan Skemp is a well-known and respected health care provider in the community, our customers will benefit from the convenience of prompt, professional care from an organization that they know and trust.”

In addition to enhancing the ‘one-stop shopping’ experience for customers, The Clinic at Walmart offers prompt access to affordably priced acute and preventive care for common health ailments treatable without urgent or emergency care, including sore throats, sinus infections, upper respiratory infections, earaches,

bladder infections, insect bites and stings, cholesterol screening, blood sugar testing, and vaccinations.

With the opening of this clinic, there will be 40 in-store clinics in Walmart stores across 12 states. For further information about "The Clinic at Walmart," please visit www.walmart.com/clinics.

** Survey results based on an exit survey of 14, 479 patients following visits to a clinic in Walmart between January 2006 and November 2006. Surveys were conducted by the clinic operators.*

About Franciscan Skemp Healthcare

Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, jointly sponsored by Mayo Clinic and the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, provides primary and specialty care throughout an 11-county region in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. In addition to a full-service hospital and multi-specialty clinics, the system offers comprehensive cancer care, a state of the art surgical center, emergency and urgent care services, cardiology-radiology services, as well as a wide array of specialty services. Franciscan Skemp is a leader in family care and women's health. Franciscan Skemp is one of the area's largest employers, with more than 3000 employees and 200 providers. Visit us at www.franciscanskemp.org.

About Walmart

Every week, millions of customers visit Walmart stores, Neighborhood Markets, and Sam's Club locations across America or log on to its online store at www.walmart.com. The company and its Foundation are committed to a philosophy of giving back locally. Walmart (NYSE: WMT) is proud to support the causes that are important to customers and associates right in their own neighborhoods, and last year gave more than \$378 million to local communities in the United States. More information about Walmart can be found by visiting www.walmartstores.com.

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