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ESCAMBIA COMMUNITY CLINICS WELCOMES OPTOMETRIST TO STAFF

Escambia Community Clinics, Inc. (ECC) is pleased to welcome Mary U. Charbonneau, O.D. to the organization. Dr. Charbonneau provides optometry/vision care at the Escambia Community Clinics main clinic location at 14 W. Jordan Street in Pensacola. Dr. Charbonneau holds a (O.D.) Optometric Doctorate degree from NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry in Ft. Lauderdale, and completed an optometric residency program at the VA Medical Center in Mountain Home, Tennessee. Dr. Charbonneau is an established optometrist in the community, and has worked as a civilian contract optometrist with the United States Naval Hospital in Rota, Spain, and in private practice in Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Charbonneau is past president of the Northeast Florida Optometric Society, and is an active professional member and lecturer in both state and national optometric societies.

The addition of optometry at Escambia Community Clinic serves the needs of both uninsured and underinsured ECC patients who have not previously been able to afford eye care, especially those patients diagnosed with chronic diseases such as diabetes. Detection and early treatment of eye conditions is vital for patients who are at risk for eye issues associated with diabetes. Dr. Charbonneau offers comprehensive eye exams with dilation of the pupils, diabetic eye exams, treatment for eye disease and infection, removal of foreign bodies from the surface of the eye, measurement for glasses for all ages, and children's' eye exams starting at age 3. Eligible patients include children and adults enrolled in Florida Medicaid, Medicare, including Humana and Wellcare. Low-income, uninsured patients who are approved through ECC's Medical Assistance Sliding Fee Program are eligible to receive optometry and vision care services. Appointments can be scheduled through our main clinic appointment line at 850-436-4630.

Since 1992, the mission of Escambia Community Clinics has been to provide comprehensive primary and preventive health care to the citizens of Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties and surrounding areas, with a special focus on access to care for the under-insured, uninsured, working poor and medically needy. Designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in 2007, ECC has expanded access to health care for the most vulnerable citizens in our community, and now provides a wide range of medical, dental, behavioral health and supportive services for both children and adults at ten clinic locations in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, and through two mobile health outreach units. Last year, Escambia Community Clinics, Inc. sites provided over 98,960 patient encounters to 32,622 individual patients.