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**GROWING 219 HEALTH NETWORK SERVES
UNDERINSURED AND UNINSURED NORTHWEST INDIANA RESIDENTS**

EAST CHICAGO-Northwest Indiana residents without insurance or with limited insurance plans are finding greater access to quality healthcare in their own neighborhood. Since May 1, 2018, the 219 Health Network has been providing easy access to quality medical care for those living in lower income communities, with or without an appointment.

“Our healthcare providers will see anyone who comes through our doors regardless of their ability to pay,” said Ibrahim Najamuddin, executive director, 219 Health Network. “Your financial situation is not a barrier to care here.”

The 219 Health Network offers eight healthcare specialty providers seeing patients with conditions ranging from behavioral health issues to family medicine, women’s obstetrics and gynecological care, internal medicine (for diabetes and high blood pressure) and dental care.

Across the country, FQHC facilities including the 219 Health Network, are working to improve the health and wellbeing of residents using 16 quality measures. These areas of improvement include depression and obesity-related chronic illnesses such as diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, stroke, etc.

“We are uniquely positioned to reach families living in communities that require more economic, educational and medical assistance,” said Matthew Ramos Libiran, MD, medical director of the 219 Health Network. “We are working to create healthier environments for low-income individuals and families where they live, learn, work, play, pray and shop. By educating and assisting with preventative care and wellbeing, we will improve overall health.”

Three current locations include 100 W. Chicago Avenue, Suite F; 4320 Fir Street, Suite 211; and 525 W. Chicago Avenue, Suite 527, all in East Chicago.

For more information about the programs and services of the 219 Health Network, visit <https://219health.org/> or call 219-703-2582.

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