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## **Reducing financial barriers to primary care Medical services when you need them**

(Snoqualmie, WA) The North Bend Medical Clinic is among a handful of Washington State healthcare providers now offering primary care services by direct agreement with individuals. Not an insurance plan, Affordable Access goes well beyond the annual physical exam to include valuable expertise and services to promote health, prevent disease, diagnose and treat minor illnesses and injuries as well as manage chronic diseases.

The monthly rate is \$30 plus \$5 visit fee after an initial one-time-only set-up fee of \$45. Specialty and emergency care are not included.

“Primary health care services must be able to focus on long-term health promotion and disease prevention in addition to addressing more immediate patient needs in order to truly benefit the community” according to Ken Wiscomb, PA-C, provider at the North Bend clinic. He continues, “Financial barriers often stand in the way of both levels of service. Folks end up receiving urgent care in the emergency room or putting off other health concerns until they too become urgent. This increases costs and further limits access. I believe providing affordable access to primary care is the first step towards fixing this problem and improving the health and well-being of our community.”

For more information about Affordable Access:

- call 425-831-3430 and leave contact information to receive a return call,
- send an email to [affordableaccess@snoqualmiehospital.org](mailto:affordableaccess@snoqualmiehospital.org), or
- drop by the North Bend Clinic, 213 Bendigo Boulevard North, Suite 1, North Bend.

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The North Bend Medical Clinic is owned and operated by King County Public Hospital District #4 and represents one of a number primary and specialty clinics and hospital providing a continuum of care to the Greater Snoqualmie Valley.

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