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# No Cut Backs on Expanding Medical Services

*Local Medical Facility Refuses to Halt Expansion, Despite Looming Economic Hardships*

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Torrance, CA – In the midst of health care service cut backs and an over aching economy, several medical facilities in Southern California have opted to save money by halting plans for the expansion of certain clinical services. This comes at the price to the growing number of patients who have become increasingly dependent on a variety of diagnostic services and testing. However, amidst the current conundrum, one medical facility aims to do the opposite. South Bay Family Medical Group, one of the oldest and most established primary care practices in the South Bay area, is providing a prime example of how health care providers can carefully remain on budget; while not compromising the expansion of needed medical services. In fact, this November, South Bay Family Medical Group has completed its long awaited reconstruction and expansion of their diagnostic laboratory. Based on the needs of the growing patient population and the strong commitment of the leadership; laboratory services at the facility is more capable than ever. The renovated lab is more expansive and flexible, covering extra square footage in order to facilitate a larger waiting area; patients no longer have to stand or wait outside.

“I’ve been a patient at South Bay Family Medical Group for a long time and I am happy to see that they are constantly expanding and bringing in new services. I am also surprised to see the laboratory renovated, it looks great!” stated Linda, a patient of South Bay Family Medical Group for over four years.

The new lab provides space for a separate drawing and diagnostic room. Along with the laboratory expansion, South Bay Family Medical Group will be adding an ABI (Advanced Brachial Index) examination, an advanced new diagnostic test allowing medical professionals to study and determine a patient’s risk of developing P.A.D (Peripheral Arterial Disease). The ABI examination will be located on the first floor of the facility and will be available for patients in mid-November. The renovation coupled with new added advanced diagnostic testing will ensure that patients receive the most comprehensive services available.

“Realizing that cutting expansion amidst a growing population in order to meet our budget was not the right thing to do. Instead, we opted for restructuring our budget, in a way that ensures we continually add and expand upon the services that will ultimately support our growing and aging population. Just because the economy is suffering, our patients don’t have too” stated Stephanie Roman, Administration of South Bay Family Medical Group.

At these times with careful planning and resourcefulness, healthcare professionals can continue to grow and add services despite the economic hardships. South Bay family Medical Group is located in Torrance and Manhattan Beach, they provide primary care serves as well as a variety of ancillary services ranging from a travel immunization clinic to urgent care. Currently, the renovated laboratory is located on the second floor of the South Bay Family Medical Group facility at 3701 Skypark Dr. in Torrance, California. The lab is now offering extended hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visit South Bay Family Medical Group, online at [www.sbfmg.com](http://www.sbfmg.com) for scheduling an appointment online or viewing a list of services. ###