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SAINT FRANCIS *FASTCARE* OPENS IN STOP & SHOP IN MANCHESTER
Daily, Convenient Care On-Site

(Hartford, Conn. – June 18, 2015) Saint Francis FastCare at the Super Stop & Shop in Manchester welcomed patients today as the walk-in clinic at 318 West Middle Turnpike celebrated its grand opening.

The retail clinic is the second *Saint Francis FastCare* location in Connecticut to offer convenient and economical healthcare for minor conditions and symptoms. The 500-square-foot space is part of an exclusive licensing agreement with Green Bay, WI-based Bellin Memorial Hospital, Inc., and Ahold USA, Inc., parent company of Stop & Shop, to operate the *Saint Francis FastCare* clinic at the Manchester Parkade supermarket.

Along with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Saint Francis and Stop & Shop welcomed visitors with an opportunity for shoppers to win a Stop & Shop gift card.

A third *Saint Francis FastCare* will open later this year in the Glastonbury Stop & Shop at 55 Oak Street.

“Accessibility to high-quality, low-cost healthcare is a priority at all of Saint Francis’s facilities, whether at our Hartford campus or here at our newest site,” said Christopher M. Dadlez, President and Chief Executive Officer at Saint Francis. “We are pleased to further our partnership with Stop & Shop to provide non-urgent healthcare services in the communities where our patients live and work.”

“We are excited to open a *Saint Francis FastCare* walk-in clinic at our Stop & Shop store in Manchester,” said Brian Pavur, Stop & Shop Director of Pharmacy Operations. “Customers are looking for ways to save time, money and to focus on health, and this clinic, conveniently located next to our pharmacy, allows us to provide customers with high-quality, affordable healthcare.”

Saint Francis FastCare provides care for common, non-urgent illnesses and ailments such as cold and flu symptoms; administration of flu and shingles vaccines, along with standard vaccinations for adults and children; ear infections, insect bites, poison ivy, minor sunburn, ear wax removal, sinus infection, and sore throat. On-site tests for rapid strep, urinalysis, urine pregnancy test, monospots and TB skin tests will also be available.

Saint Francis FastCare welcomes patients 18 months of age or older on a walk-in basis. Age restrictions may exist for select services. Immediate referrals will be made to a physician when symptoms exceed the clinic’s scope of services.

With the added convenience of the Stop & Shop Pharmacy on-site, patients can meet their basic healthcare needs in one convenient location. Prescriptions may also be arranged for pick-up at other locations.

After each visit, a report will be sent to the patient’s primary care physician. For patients without a primary care physician, referrals can be made at a patient’s request.

Patients should always visit the Saint Francis Emergency Department for any life-threatening situations.

Saint Francis FastCare accepts most insurances and an office co-pay will apply. A *FastCare* visit is \$79, including basic labs.

Saint Francis FastCare at the Stop & Shop in Manchester will be open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; and Holidays (except Easter and Christmas) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Facilities are staffed by Saint Francis *Care* Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) who are licensed to prescribe medications.

Bellin Health, a not-for-profit, integrated healthcare delivery system that has been servicing Northeast Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula since 1908, developed the *FastCare* brand of convenient care clinics in 2006. *FastCare* partners with health systems and retailers nationwide to offer convenient healthcare services in the community. To date, there are 30 *FastCare* locations operating in 10 states with 20 health systems partners.

About Saint Francis Care

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis Health*Care* Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Evergreen Health Care Center, and Home and Community Health Services is also a Saint Francis *Care* Partner. Saint Francis *Care*'s services are supported by a network of five major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit www.stfranciscare.com.

About FastCare

The *FastCare* model of retail health clinics was established by Bellin Health in 2006. Bellin Health is a not-for-profit, integrated health care delivery system that has been servicing Northeast Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula since 1908. Known for its emphasis on population health, Bellin Health is the region's leader in cardiac, orthopedic, digestive health, mental health and primary care services.

To ensure quality health services, Bellin developed the *FastCare* model on the guidelines for retail clinics as defined by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association. These include having a well-defined and limited scope of clinical services, treatment plans that are evidence-based, having a system for referring patients to physicians when symptoms exceed the clinic's scope of services, and integration of electronic medical records. *FastCare* partners with health systems and retailers across the country to create affordable and convenient patient access to healthcare. More information about *FastCare* is available at www.FastCare.com. For more information on Bellin Health see www.bellin.org.

About Stop & Shop

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