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**UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE**

## PRESS RELEASE

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### WE NEED YOUR RESPONSE

#### *Community Health Needs Assessment Surveys*

**November 5, 2014:** We are obligated as a tax-exempt hospital to meet Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) every three years. As part of this process, Uintah Basin Healthcare will be conducting a CHNA survey which will examine health status, major health issues, use of health services, access and barriers to care and other factors affecting the health of our communities.

Uintah Basin Healthcare was provided a grant by the National Rural Health Resource Center to complete this survey, and we will be working closely with them through this process. Approximately 800 surveys were mailed to a random sample of patients in all towns in the Uintah Basin the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>, and an additional 100 surveys were mailed out the first week of November. The surveys contained a postage paid return envelope and results will be sent to the University of Minnesota in Duluth for assessment and reporting. Reminder postcards will soon be delivered as well. The deadline for survey submission is December 5<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that we receive your input!

Once we receive the survey results with a quantitative analysis of actual health care issues, we will review current efforts addressing healthcare issues, and also formulate a 3-year plan to address areas of concern, ultimately working towards growing a healthier community. This project is tied closely to our vision that "Uintah Basin Healthcare will be a standard of excellence and cooperation in assisting the people of the Uintah Basin in becoming the healthiest people in Utah".

This year we celebrate 70 years of caring, quality, growth and giving back – traditions we have kept alive since our hospital opened in 1944. We have taken the needs of our communities very seriously, and have invested prudently in needed equipment, technology and facilities to provide superior health care. We thank you for your time and support. We look forward to serving generations for years to come, and we believe that with your help, we can continue to provide health and healing... every person, every time.

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.