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PRESS RELEASE

UBMC Opens New Emergency Department *Improving efficiency, privacy, safety and overall function*

April 1, 2015: Uintah Basin Healthcare has been striving to serve the needs of our region since we were established in 1944. As a 501-C3, not-for-profit corporation, we have progressively expanded to provide advanced healthcare services. At this time, we are excited to announce the opening of our new Emergency Department.

The previous Emergency Department "E.D." configuration used approximately 4,230 square feet of space. The renovation included another 3550 square feet of existing adjacent space, and 2,400 square feet of new space. The new total area of the ED is approximately 10,180 square feet.

This expansion/remodel dramatically improves our ability to grow and meet the future demands of our communities. Our new E.D. also provides improved efficiency, privacy, safety/security, and overall function.

Additional patient rooms, large trauma rooms, bedside computers and an expanded medication room leads to improved efficiency. Along with private patient rooms and additional bathrooms, we also have a new entrance directly into E.D. with a private waiting area, greatly increasing patient privacy. The overall design of the new E.D. incorporates such features as increased room size, locked entry points and better visibility of all patient care areas which translates into a safer environment for patients and staff.

Although the admitting desk through the "Main Entrance" of the hospital will remain open until midnight, **walk-in ER patients can now enter through the new ER Entrance on the West Side of the hospital, proceeding to the new dedicated ER admitting desk and waiting room. A new parking lot is also available on the West side of the hospital to serve ER patients.**

With the ER remodel/expansion complete, the interior entrance to Physical Therapy is now re-open. Physical Therapy patients can now use the "Main Entrance" of the hospital and walk past Women's Health to the Physical Therapy department.

We are proud to be part of this wonderful community, and we appreciate your support as we continue to grow and provide health services you can count on. We hope you enjoy our new Emergency Department!

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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.

