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Mobile County Health Department to break ground for state-of-the-art primary care clinic in Mt. Vernon

The Mobile County Health Department will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of a state-of-the-art primary care clinic in Mt. Vernon on Friday at 9 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 43 and Coy Smith Highway.

Services to be provided at the 6,700-square-foot facility when construction is completed in February of next year will include adult primary health care, pediatric health and dental care, and WIC supplemental nutrition services. The “green” clinic will incorporate environmentally-friendly features. Services currently provided at the existing Mt. Vernon and Calcedaveaver clinics will be consolidated at the larger, more accessible clinic, which is expected to accommodate more than 6,500 patient visits per year. The project is being funded with \$1,244,620 allocated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Among those participating in the groundbreaking ceremony will be Dr. Bert Eichold, Health Officer; members of the Family Oriented Primary Health Clinic Governing Council; Mt. Vernon Mayor Jerry Lundy; Mt. Vernon Town Councilwoman Verdell Dees; and Mobile County Commissioner Merceria L. Ludgood.

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