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### **CITY OF MEMPHIS TO OPEN IN-HOUSE HEALTH CLINIC**

The City of Memphis' new Employee Wellness Clinic, made possible by a partnership with Methodist Healthcare and Cigna, will open to employees, dependents, and retirees covered by the City's health care plan Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

"With the city's renewed emphasis on health and wellness, we wanted to provide a convenient way for our employees to be seen and treated by a medical professional," said Mayor A C Wharton, Jr. "Too often, we put off going to the doctor because we have other things to do. This facility is centrally located and, for roughly 70 of our city employees, the clinic will be in the same building where they report to work."

The Wellness Clinic will be a non-emergency facility. Staff with Methodist Healthcare will diagnose and treat a variety of medical conditions, including sore throats, ear aches, sinus infections, urinary tract infections, upper respiratory infections, cold and flu symptoms, muscle sprains and strains, and minor cuts and burns.

"We are excited to be partnering with the City of Memphis and Cigna to improve the care that city workers and their families receive," said Gary Shorb, president and CEO for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare. "This clinic will provide a convenient solution for city associates and their dependents to receive the appropriate level of care for minor illnesses and injuries."

More than 100 of the nation's largest employers offer on-site primary care facilities, including companies such as Toyota and Pepsi Bottling Group. The City of Memphis began to explore the possibility of an in-house clinic during health-care plan discussions with Cigna earlier in the year.

Methodist Healthcare staff will operate the clinic, similar to facilities currently operated within Shelby County Schools, and the clinic's annual operating expenses will be supported through a partnership with Cigna.

“The clinic will help promote prevention and enhance employee productivity,” said Mary Tate-Smith, Cigna vice president in Memphis. “We are excited to be a part of the City’s efforts and to help support the health and well-being of our customers.”

The clinic, which will be located at 2714 Union Extended, will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for City employees, retirees, and their dependents covered by the city’s health care plan. Visits will cost a \$15 flat fee.

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