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## Telmedix's Digital Healthcare Platform Celebrates Anniversary Bringing Eye Care to Oakhurst Medical Centers

**STONE MOUNTAIN, GA, May 6, 2019** - Telmedix's DigitalVision Clinic celebrated its first year in bringing comprehensive eye care and affordable eyewear to over 2000 primary care patients on the Oakhurst Medical Center's main location on Memorial Drive. OMC is the seventh largest Federally Qualified Health Center in Georgia. FQHCs receive grant support from the Department of Health and Human Services to provide primary health care services to uninsured and underinsured patients.

Before Telmedix opened the onsite eye clinic, only about 7% of Oakhurst's patients referred by their primary care doctor to an off-site ophthalmologist, completed their eye exam," said Keith Thompson MD, Telmedix CEO. "Now more than 70% of referrals for eye exams are completed, and many patients have their eye exam the same day they visit their primary care physician."

"Our patient population is also very diverse. While over 90% of our patients are African-Americans and of Afro-Caribbean heritage, we also serve a large immigrant population in nearby resettlement communities. With our on-site eye exam program underway, we have found that one-in-three Oakhurst patients have undetected sight-threatening diseases. Early detection allows us to place patients with glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy on treatment programs that preserve their eyesight, Thompson explains. Telmedix has teamed with the Grady Eye Clinic to provide surgical and subspecialty care to patients with advanced disease."

In recognition of the first year of their partnership, Thompson honored Oakhurst CEO, Jeff Taylor with an award in appreciation for their commitment, support and resources at Oakhurst's recent *Change – Challenge – Opportunity Awards* ceremony.

Taylor said that "the on-site Digital Vision Clinic enhances OMC's value as a medical home to our community by bringing eye care and - in the future - other medical specialty services to our patients, on-site and on-demand."

Most of OMC's primary care patients have awarded Telmedix with four and five star ratings, indicating a high acceptance by medical consumers of the new technology and healthcare delivery system.



Dr. Keith Thompson, CEO, Telmedix



Dr. Thompson, Dr. Raulninña Uzzell, Medical Director, Jeff Taylor, Oakhurst CEO

## Bringing Eye Care Onsite to Primary Care Patients

Since the first Telmedix Clinic opened in the Oakhurst Medical Center in the East Atlanta suburb of Stone Mountain last year, over 2000 comprehensive eye exams have been performed on the OMC Campus. Nearly one in three of OMC's patients have been found to have an undetected sight threatening disease such as diabetic retinopathy or glaucoma. Early detection of these diseases will allow treatment to preserve most patient's vision. The Telmedix Clinic also provides affordable eye wear to primary care patients.

By bringing eye care and other specialty medical services to the primary care clinic, the Telmedix Clinic increases the value of the community health center as a medical home where more and more medical services will be available without having to visit off-site specialists



Congressman Hank Johnson

## State & Federal Governments Recognize FQHCs & Telmedix

During the OMC annual Board of Directors Dinner, US Representative Hank Johnson (D, GA 6th) told the gathering that FQHCs are one of the few programs that enjoy strong bipartisan support in Washington. Today, 9000 FQHC clinics in fifty states provide medical care to over 30M Americans, a number that continues to grow.

## About Oakhurst

Oakhurst Medical Center is the seventh largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Georgia and provides affordable, accessible, quality primary care services to ethnically diverse patients. OMC provides over 50,000 patient visits annually through seven locations and strives to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves by *healing our community one home at a time*. FQHCs have grown rapidly during the past two decades and there are now 9000 FQHCs in all fifty states that provide primary healthcare to over 25 million Americans.

## About Digital Vision Clinic

Digital Vision Clinic is part of Telmedix, LLC, an Atlanta-based medical technology startup that brings eye care and other specialty services to primary care clinics through a proprietary telemedicine system developed in the Georgia Tech VentureLab incubator. By bringing eye care and other specialty medical services to a primary care clinic, the Telmedix Digital Vision Eye Clinic increases the value of the community health center as a medical home where more medical services will be available without having to visit off-site specialists

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