**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHO:** Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center

**WHAT**: Groundbreaking for new state-of-the-art facility

**WHEN**: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

**WHERE**: 1380 Soldiers Field Road, Brighton

A new two-story state-of-the-art medical facility rising from the site of a former State Police Barracks in Brighton will enable the [Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center](http://www.jmschc.org/) to better serve its rapidly growing patient population by consolidating services now provided in several cramped, leased facilities.

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, District 9 Boston City Councilor Mark Ciommo, State Representativess Michael J. Moran and Kevin G. Honan will join the Board, staff and friends of the Health Center in breaking ground on a new 48,000 square foot facility that when completed in April 2015 will allow the health center to greatly expand care and roughly double the 6,000 patients seen in Allston-Brighton.

The new building will include a family medicine clinic, a pharmacy, a dental clinic, a laboratory, a behavioral health clinic, an administrative suite, a vision clinic and eye glass shop, and a conference area for health center and community use.

Work on the $26.5 million facility will be enabled in part by a $1 million donation from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, which has maintained a clinical relationship with the health center since it joined BIDMC’s [Community Care Alliance](http://www.bidmc.org/Centers-and-Departments/Departments/Community-Initiatives/Community-Benefits/CHC/Community-Care-Alliance---CCA.aspx) in 1997.

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