**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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

**WHAT**: Ribbon-cutting of new state-of-the-art facility

**WHEN**: Thursday, September 24, 2015, 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE**: 495 Western Avenue, 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.

State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Representative Michael J. Moran, and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh will join JMSCHC Executive Director Elizabeth Browne, Board Chairman David Norton, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center President and CEO Kevin Tabb, MD, for a ribbon-cutting to mark the opening of the 48,000 square foot facility that will allow the health center to greatly expand care and roughly double the 6,000 patients seen in Allston-Brighton.

The new building includes 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 was 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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