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Community Health celebrates 340B pharmacy

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BANDON — Celebrate the opening of Bandon's first 340B pharmacy at Coast Community Health Center.

Join health center staff and board directors with the Bandon Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m., at 1010 First St. SE. Learn how the new pharmacy positively impacts patient care and enjoy refreshments from Pablo's Corner and the Beverage Barn.

As a federally funded community health center, Coast Community Health Center now provides prescriptions through the 340B pharmacy at a reduced cost by passing along rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers. Patients receive the quality services of a tenured, in-house pharmacy director while saving money on prescriptions.

Pharmacy Director Zane Smith, RPh, is a licensed pharmacist with more than 30 years experience in retail pharmacy services. Zane and his wife Karen Smith are both certified compound pharmacists. Together, they have opened and staffed five 340B pharmacies for health centers in Oregon.

Medical Director Dr. Carla McKelvey describes the new pharmacy as another step in the health center's commitment to the

most comprehensive care possible with a pharmacy team that provides great service and patient education.

The decision to invest in a new pharmacy was based on the challenge many patients face when paying for prescriptions, Board Vice-chairwoman Leesa Cobb announced in June.

“Our commitment, as a not-for-profit community health center, is to offer you high quality health care services at the best price, treating the mind, body, and mouth, regardless of your ability to pay for services. Offering pharmacy services only continues to build on our model of health care services for the community,” said Cobb.

The health center appreciates local business and community member support and welcomes the public to join in this free event to celebrate the new pharmacy. For more information, visit coastcommunityhealth.org or call 541-347-2529.