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## **Two Local Clinics Combine into the New Willapa Medical Clinic**

*Willapa Harbor Hospital Clinic and Pacific Family Health Center join to become one Rural Health Clinic.*

SOUTH BEND, Wash. (Oct. 22, 2020) – In an ongoing effort to provide an integrated experience when it comes to local healthcare, Willapa Harbor Hospital announces the merger of two of its clinics into one Rural Health Clinic. Beginning November 2, Willapa Medical Clinic will be the clinic serving the everyday healthcare needs of patients.

Previously, Willapa Harbor Hospital Clinic and Pacific Family Health Center operated from separate facilities in South Bend. Each location offered varying services based on their specific capabilities, but always benefited from the extended support of Willapa Harbor Hospital.

“As we continue to grow local healthcare programs and services in Pacific County, it is clear that we need to focus on providing a comprehensive approach that our community expects,” explains Matthew Kempton, CEO of Willapa Harbor Hospital. “Willapa Medical Clinic brings together our medical providers from the two clinics under one roof, making local healthcare an even more convenient choice.”

As with the previous clinics, Willapa Medical Clinic will also benefit from the extended capabilities of Willapa Harbor Hospital for screening and testing for patients. Medical providers caring for patients from the new facility include:

- Frank Hing, M.D., General Practice/Geriatrics
- Steven F. Hill D.O. Family Practice
- Pawel Dutkiewicz, M.D., Family Practice
- Sherry Franks, PA-C, Family Practice
- Barbara Alford, ARNP, Urgent Care
- Tobi Thaller, M.D., Family Practice

Willapa Medical Clinic, located at 826 Alder Street in South Bend, is excited to announce expanded weekend hours starting November 14 and 15. The weekend walk-in clinic will be open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. All patient files will be available at the new clinic. The number to call to reach all providers and schedule appointments starting November 2 will be (360) 875-5579.

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### **About Willapa Harbor Hospital**

Founded in 1954, Willapa Harbor Hospital serves the healthcare needs of north Pacific County residents. The hospital offers a wealth of medical services, including in-patient care, a Level V 24-hour trauma center, advanced radiology services (including CT, MRIs, ultrasound, and mammograms), an outpatient lab, surgical services, diabetic education, and more. Willapa Harbor Hospital also operates the newly combined Willapa Medical Clinic. For more information, please visit [www.willapaharborhospital.com](http://www.willapaharborhospital.com).

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