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Visiting All First District Hospitals to Better Understand Kansas Health Care Needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As part of his work to ensure access to affordable health care for Kansans, Congressman Jerry Moran has worked to visit all of the hospitals in the First Congressional District of Kansas. Since coming to Congress, Moran has toured nearly all of the hospitals in the district to discuss the issues facing hospitals, doctors, nurses, home health care and ambulance services. During each visit, Moran discusses with administrators, hospital staff and trustees the needs and concerns of the hospital.

"The survival of our Kansas communities depends on access to health care," Moran said. "If a community loses its hospital or doctor, it becomes more difficult to keep the community viable. Young families and seniors can not take the risk of living in an area that lack access to affordable health care."

As part of the ongoing tour, Moran will visit four hospitals during the next week. The tour stops are as follows:

Monday, June 28, 2004

Hodgeman County Health Care Center in Jetmore, 809 West Bramley Road. 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Stanton County Health Care Facility in Johnson, 404 North Chestnut Street, 1:15 to 2:00 p.m.

Hamilton County Hospital in Syracuse, East Ave G and Huser Street, 2:30 to 3:15 CST

Greeley County Health Services in Tribune, 506 Third Street, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. CST

Earlier in the week, Moran met with the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Dr. Mark McClellan, during a meeting on Capitol Hill. Dr. McClellan was recently appointed by President Bush to lead the federal agency responsible for Medicaid and Medicare. The administrator and Moran discussed ways to improve Medicare reimbursements for hospitals, nursing homes, home-health care and ambulance services in rural areas. During the meeting, Moran also invited the new administrator to Kansas to see how health care services are delivered in Kansas and to meet the many professionals dedicated to caring for the health care needs of Kansans.

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