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UTEP, UMC ANNOUNCE PHARMACY PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENTS

EL PASO, Texas – The University of Texas at El Paso and the University Medical Center of El Paso today announced a new partnership that will bring new and greater access to pharmacy services for thousands of UTEP students.

Through a new and innovative agreement between two of our region’s oldest and most dedicated organizations working for the benefit of all who call El Paso home, students will have access to prescriptions anywhere UMC services are located.

- This new partnership allows both on- and off-campus students to access medications at seven different locations.
- Through this partnership, students can purchase their prescriptions at the same or lower cost than they would have paid at the Student Health and Wellness Center.
- Students can utilize insurance coverage (public or private) to pay for prescriptions.
- Students can receive expanded continuous service for pharmacy access. UMC pharmacies are open mornings through early evenings for student convenience, Monday through Saturday.
- Students will have access to UMC pharmacies even during Spring Break or the Winter Break, at locations close to their homes in El Paso.

“Our new partnership with UTEP is in keeping with our mission of providing greater access to care for all El Pasoans,” said Jacob Cintron, UMC President & CEO. “UTEP has been a true partner with UMC for many years, whether through their College of Health Sciences and School of Nursing programs, and many other opportunities we have had to work together. UTEP students are part of our El Paso family, our friends, our neighbors and the future leaders in our community. Through this program, we are hoping to take one less concern

away from students so they can focus on their education while having much greater access to the prescriptions they need, at the same low prices they've come to expect."

"This new partnership provides enhanced services for UTEP students," said UTEP President Diana Natalicio. "Their access to affordable pharmaceutical services will now be offered during expanded hours at multiple locations across the community. We thank our partners at UMC for not only enabling us to broaden our pharmaceutical services for UTEP students, but for their collaborations with us on so many other fronts as well."

About UMC: For 103 years, University Medical Center of El Paso (UMC) has been providing exceptional, high quality care for the entire El Paso region. UMC is home to the region's only Level I Trauma Center, Level I Stroke Center and Joint Commission Certified Comprehensive Stroke Center. UMC's mission is to enhance the health and wellness of the El Paso community by making high quality, affordable healthcare services accessible to all, while providing healthcare-related education, research and innovation.

About The University of Texas at El Paso: Located in one of the largest binational communities in the world, The University of Texas at El Paso is unique among research institutions. UTEP enrolls more than 25,000 students, most of whom are Hispanic. The University invests \$95 million in research annually, maintains an operating budget of \$500 million and employs 4,000 people. With 170 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs available in eight colleges and schools, UTEP is the first national research university serving a 21st century student demographic.

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