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**Yancey County Receives Building Reuse Grant for  
New Urgent Care Clinic in Partnership with Mercy Urgent Care**

At their June meeting, the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Infrastructure Authority announced their approval of a \$50,000 economic development grant to Yancey County. This grant will support the renovation of a 1,200 square foot building space in Burnsville in collaboration with Mercy Urgent Care to open an urgent care clinic offering complete medical care for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries.

“Ready access to health care is a concern for all rural communities such as Yancey County. We are very excited to welcome Mercy Urgent Care to our community. The new clinic will provide a better diversity of health care options and service provider choices to our people, as well as creating five new, well-paying, jobs in the health care sector in our county and attracting \$399,822 in private investment” said Yancey County Economic Development Commission Director Jamie McMahan. “The ready availability of quality health care is of utmost concern to businesses seeking to locate or expand their presence in our community. This new clinic greatly enhances that sector of our economy and improves our ability to recruit and retain business and industry” added McMahan.

“Yancey County Government is excited to partner with Mercy Urgent Care to bring this much needed addition of medical services to our citizens. We are pleased the Department of Commerce recognizes the value this project brings to Yancey County both in terms of job creation and improved access to excellent medical care by awarding this grant to assist with the construction of this project,” stated Yancey County Manager Nathan Bennett.

“This is another great example where the Board of Commissioners have partnered with business leaders in Yancey County to leverage county and state resources to help grow businesses and

create jobs in our community. This is the second grant the county has received this year to reuse existing buildings to create a number of good jobs for our citizens and we are glad to be in a position to open these doors for our business community,” stated Commission Chairman Johnny Riddle.

“Yancey County has made great strides to implement a number of projects designed to improve the quality of life of our citizens. This Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care facility brings together county, state, and private partners to both improve health care resources and create jobs. It makes me very proud to be part of a team that works together to do everything we can to make Yancey County a great place to live,” added commission vice-chair Jill Austin.

“Mercy Urgent Care is pleased to initiate a relationship with Yancey County...This grant is very valuable to the continuing efforts that Mercy Urgent Care is making to establish accessible health care in Burnsville. In partnership with Yancey County, we are excited to bring care and support to the community,” stated Tim Johnston, President and CEO of Mercy Urgent Care.

Mercy Urgent Care is a non-profit health care provider that was established in 1985. The doctors, nurses and staff currently assist and help with more than 500,000 service visits each year in their clinics across western North Carolina, having to date served more than one million patients. In partnership with Yancey County, Mercy Urgent Care is excited to bring this health care and support opportunity to the people of the community.

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