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Dental Clinic Discontinues Service Under FY2018 Budget

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health's Dental Clinic, located at 1235 Ramsey Street, will discontinue services July 1 as part of Fiscal Year 2018 budget reductions. Patients who currently have appointments will still be seen through July 20.

Patients should check with local dental providers for emergency or routine dental care. Patients may also have the option of being seen at one of the following clinics, which provide care to uninsured individuals:

- Stedman Family Dental Center, 6450 Clinton Rd., Stedman. The center offers services on a sliding fee scale. Call 910-483-3150 for more information.
- The Care Clinic, 239 Robeson St., Fayetteville. To schedule a new patient appointment, call 910-485-0555 Mondays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Patients must be Cumberland County residents with a total household income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Patient dental records will be available at the Department of Public Health in the Medical Records section once the Dental Clinic is closed. Patients may obtain copies of their dental records or have a copy sent to a dentist of their choice by filling out an authorization of release form. Call 910-433-3857 for more information about dental records.

The clinic is a not state-mandated service and is fully funded by the County. The FY2018 budget allots \$5,000 for dental screenings at Cumberland County Schools and \$30,000 for possible partnership opportunities with dental providers to offer limited Dental Clinic hours or services for the uninsured.

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