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## **Reeves County Dialysis Patients Find Convenient Care in New Local Facility**

*Life-saving services are available at the new Reeves Regional Health campus in Pecos.*

PECOS, Texas (April 24, 2023) – It is estimated that more than 54,454 Texans rely on life-sustaining dialysis services to live. While affected individuals in large metropolitan areas have many options for care, those in rural communities have much fewer and convenient opportunities.

For residents of Reeves County and the surrounding areas who require dialysis and renal healthcare, Reeves Regional Health (RRH) continues to be a lifeline in the availability of related services and convenience.

“Nearly 12,500 new cases of kidney failure are diagnosed each year in Texas,” says Everette Jackson, director of the dialysis center at RRH, with diabetes and high blood pressure among the leading causes. Regardless of why this prevalence is even more significant in rural areas, providing adequate healthcare options for those in our community is essential and our commitment to serve.”

Like most medical procedures, extensive travel to receive dialysis, or any chronic care management, is not a fun experience. Having a convenient and local facility is critical for individuals in Reeves County alleviating the hassles of travel.

Dialysis is a treatment process required for those diagnosed with end stage renal disease (ESRD), or at times, experiencing an acute kidney injury (AKI). According to the National Kidney Foundation, ESRD or kidney failure usually occurs when a person loses up to 90 percent of kidney function and has a glomerular filtration rate (GFR), less than 15, when kidney function labs are monitored.

The necessary procedure works by balancing the body by removing excess waste, salt, and extra water to prevent them from building in the body. At the same time, it keeps a safe level of certain chemicals in the bloodstream, such as potassium, sodium, and bicarbonate.

Although a person undergoing dialysis treatment is not usually bound to do so, based on their condition, it almost always becomes a permanent service required for the remainder of their life.

The experienced and compassionate dialysis staff at RRH provides ongoing education to maximize the effects of your treatment. Resources are available for nutritional needs, psychosocial issues, and treatment options.

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The center also assists with connecting patients to necessary resources to ease the dialysis transition aiding with travel, medications, medical equipment, and organ transplant programs. Patients also have the availability and convenience of managing many of their other health conditions while visiting RRH.

“We’ve heard loud and clear the importance of local dialysis treatment from our stakeholders several years ago when we began providing this service, so we wanted to make sure it was a focal point when designing our new hospital,” says Brenda McKinney, CEO of RRH. “Like many of our other critical healthcare programs and service, ensuring that our dialysis center also improved greatly with our new facility.”

RRH began serving patients from a new 140,000-square-foot medical campus in November 2022, replacing a nearly 45-year-old hospital nearing the end of its usage. Planning the new campus allowed local healthcare officials to reimagine local healthcare and design the facility from the ground up with programs and services essential for Reeves County residents today and for generations to come.

As part of the move into the new hospital campus, officials had the opportunity to reimagine the patient experience for many core programs and services, including the dialysis center.

The availability of renal care in Reeves County has been around since 2004. Like other hospital programs and services, the move to the new RRH hospital campus brings many enhancements and improvements to the dialysis program.

According to Jackson, the new dialysis facility provides a larger space for patients and staff. With a new interior design, patient areas now feature a calming environment where they can receive treatment in a relaxing area. Each patient chair is comfortable with reclining and massage options, a privacy curtain, and individual televisions for viewing during treatments.

“The patient experience is key for many areas of the hospital, and that is especially true here in renal care,” Jackson adds. “Dialysis can be demanding for many individuals, so having a safe, comfortable space helps calm our patients.”

The team of 19, comprised of doctors, counselors, care technicians, and support staff at the RRH dialysis center, is available to work with current and prospective patients on the availability of services.

For more information about local dialysis treatment and renal care, please call RRH at 432-447-2221.

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### **About Reeves Regional Health**

Reeves Regional Health (RRH), formally known as Reeves County Hospital District, provides healthcare services for Reeves County and neighboring West Texas communities. Founded in 1954, RRH, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers various medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory, and more. RRH also operates Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice, and Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic. In November 2022, RRH began serving patients from a new \$115 million, 140,000-square-foot campus. For more information, please visit [www.reevesregional.com](http://www.reevesregional.com).

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