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**Governor Celebrates Funding for the Mattapan Community Health Center**

BOSTON - Thursday, December 10, 2009 - Today, Governor Deval Patrick visited the Mattapan Community Health Center to celebrate the center's receipt of \$11.5 million in federal recovery funding to help support the facility's expansion. The Governor met with Dr. Azzie Young, President of the Mattapan Community Health Center, employees and patients.

Yesterday, the Obama Administration announced that community health centers across the Commonwealth will receive \$80 million in federal grants to fund construction projects and modernize technology. The Governor strongly advocated for the critical funding during meetings with U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Sebelius and members of the Administration.

The Governor said: "I am deeply grateful to the Obama Administration and our partners in the Congressional delegation for recognizing the integral role these centers play in our health care delivery system and the quality, affordable care they provide to some of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents. With more than \$80 million in federal funding designated for updating aging facilities, we are now ready to give local economies a boost, create jobs for today and tomorrow and support the vital mission of these centers as they continue to deliver first rate health services to communities throughout Massachusetts."

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