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The City of Ocoee Selected to Showcase On-Site Employee Health Center at National Conference of Municipal Leaders

The City of Ocoee has been selected to showcase the **On-Site Employee Health Center** at the National League of Cities' annual Congress of Cities and Exposition, November 11-15 in Orlando, Fl. The 2008 City Showcase celebrates innovative city programs, and offers officials from across the country an opportunity to discuss new and noteworthy ideas with more than 3,000 participants expected to attend this year's conference.

Community and economic development, sustainability, public safety, recreation, and youth programs are among the wide variety of municipal programs being featured in the 2008 City Showcase. To be as inclusive as possible, exhibitors include representatives from municipalities of all size and type as well as from different geographic regions around the country.

The City of Ocoee will have an opportunity to provide in-depth information on how their program was planned and implemented, and will join 32 other cities who have been chosen to exhibit 40 of their innovative programs.

The Employee On-Site Health Center was created to reduce the number of catastrophic health care claims and reduce the actual cost of primary care claims for employees and their dependents covered by the City's health care plan. The primary care services including physical exams, lab work, x-rays, medications, etc. are not invoiced through the insurance provider. The cost of the Center is paid to an independent contractor responsible to operate the facility. The cost to the City is a flat rate per month per employee (\$59.00). Other related costs for supplies and medications are charged as a pass through, to the City, without a profit margin. The employees do not pay co-pay's for the visit, the labs or the medications dispensed at the Center. The cost per visit to the Center is 50% less than the health plan cost for a similar visit. The employee's appointments may be done on work time.

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