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**ONE NEW YORK: WORKING FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES
BY TARGETING PRIMARY CARE ‘DESERTS’ ACROSS THE CITY**

The Mayor is dramatically expanding health care access in areas of the city with disproportionately high rates of chronic disease and mortality.

Details

- Tremont, Brownsville, East Harlem will get new Health Action Centers this year, offering community-based primary care, and non-clinical health and social programs in formerly underutilized City-owned buildings.
- The Mayor’s Caring Neighborhoods Initiative, aimed at providing access to care for underserved patients, will launch new and expanded primary care services at 15 sites this year. Facilities in Van Nest, Mott Haven, Soundview, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bushwick, Crown Heights, East New York, Fort Greene, Central Harlem, the Lower East Side, and Corona will offer full primary care services along with a range of additional services, such as mental health, OB/GYN, women’s health, pediatric, and dental services.
- More than 100,000 patients annually will be served by the 15 facilities, each of which predominately serves a neighborhood with a high rate of chronic diseases and infant and adult mortality. Life expectancy for New Yorkers in some of these neighborhoods is 9-10 years shorter than that of New Yorkers living in wealthier areas of the City.

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