

AN URGENT APPEAL TO KEEP YUBADOCS URGENT CARE OPEN

For nearly a quarter century, Yubadocs Urgent Care has been a vital resource for our county, serving many thousands of our fellow residents annually.

Now, we are deeply concerned that Yubadocs, the only full service urgent care clinic in western Nevada County, is threatened with closure because of a landlord-tenant dispute.

We are writing with an urgent appeal to the parties involved in the negotiations over Yubadocs' future to reach an arrangement that will allow the clinic to remain open.

So many of our fellow residents depend on Yubadocs for their health care. The clinic's closure would be a crisis.

Yubadocs is a full service walk-in urgent care clinic with X-ray on site. Patients do not need an appointment and are seen when they cannot get an appointment with their primary care physicians, if they are visiting the area, or if, like many community residents, they do not have a doctor.

Yubadocs is the only clinic in the region that does occupational medicine, including workers compensation injuries, employment physicals and commercial drivers' physicals.

If we lose this clinic, employers will have to send their employees out of the area for occupational health services.

Yubadocs has taken some of the burden off the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Emergency Department which, like other emergency departments, is designed for serious or life-threatening emergencies and must be equipped and staffed to handle whatever cases come in 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Yubadocs has served people with illnesses or injuries that need same-day attention but are not life threatening, such as fractures, lacerations, abscesses, ear infections, urinary tract infections, sore throats, and respiratory infections.

The clinic was an instrumental part of the community's response to the COVID pandemic, seeing over 17,000 patients in 2021 alone.

We understand there have been challenges in agreeing on lease terms for the clinic.

We urge the parties involved to come to an agreement quickly so that this valuable community resource can continue to function.

We love this community and want to see it continue to have healthcare services that are available in other areas so that it may continue to prosper.

For the good of our community, we ask you to work out the remaining differences.

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