

## **News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)**

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### **Sandhills Medical Awarded More Federal Funds for New Facility**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that Sandhills Medical Foundation has been awarded a \$1.5 million loan and a \$50,000 grant to build a new medical clinic in McBee. Earlier this year, Spratt was instrumental in securing an additional \$600,000 for the new clinic in a spending bill.

The loan and grant were awarded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Service.

"A new facility is urgently needed," said Spratt. "The current McBee medical facility is located in a fifty-year-old television repair shop, and has been there since 1977."

Spratt said the new facility, to be built on a ten-acre tract of land owned by the Foundation and adjacent to the existing clinic, will include eight exam rooms, private office space, and a pharmacy.

"The new clinic will update the kind and quality of medical care the citizens of this community receive," said Spratt. "It will support those in the community who are healthy and help those who are chronically ill with diabetes, HIV, hypertension, and depression. South Carolina is among the leading states in the number of people who suffer from strokes, heart disease, diabetes, and HIV," he said.

"I am delighted this project has received additional funding," said Spratt, "and I was pleased to lend a hand."

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