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Two region clinics selected for TAP-IN

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The CARE Clinic in Fayetteville and the Moore Free Care Clinic in Carthage are among six sites selected to take part in a national pilot program to recruit retired physician volunteers.

The American Health Initiative selected the two sites to participate in the TAP-IN program.

TAP-IN will use a Web site (www.tap-in.org) and a toll free telephone number (1-877-605-3250) to help link retired doctors with the nearest free clinic in their area and answer questions about volunteering.

“There are hundreds of retired doctors in our community who can make a difference in the lives of needy residents by volunteering in free health clinics and TAP-IN will make volunteering easy,” Cathy Ory, executive director of The CARE Clinic, said in a release.

A site in Raleigh and three in Virginia also were chosen.

North Carolina and Virginia were selected because they have the largest number of free health clinics in the United States and have statewide free clinic associations that will help with the project, the release said.

In 2004, free health clinics in North Carolina provided more than \$56 million in free health care to more than 81,000 uninsured residents. More information about the program is available at www.tap-in.org.