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**Beth Israel Medical Center's 24/7 Walk-In Primary Care Facility in Chelsea
Meeting the Healthcare Needs of Area Residents**

Plans for an Additional 24/7 Primary Care Facility in the Works for West Village

NEW YORK, NY – April 19, 2010 – When Beth Israel Medical Center turned its' Chelsea walk-in primary care facility into a 24/7 establishment in October 2008, residents all over the New York City tri-state area welcomed it with open arms. Still thriving over a year later, the Beth Israel Medical Group (BIMG) facility fills an even bigger hole for residents living from the West Village to Chelsea now that St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center plans to close its doors.

Formerly known as DOCS, the multi-site medical group run by Beth Israel Medical Center is located at 202-204 West 23rd Street at 7th Avenue. The highly successful facility responds to what patients have asked for – open access to medical care 24 hours a days, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to meet the needs of anyone looking for primary care and urgent care at anytime.

“We are delighted that we have been able to fill a major healthcare need for the residents and workers on the Lower West Side of Manhattan,” said Harris M. Nagler, MD, President of Beth Israel. “The closing of St. Vincent's underscores clearly impacts on the importance of this practice – and the need to expand this type of service.”

Presently, the BIMG 24/7 practice in Chelsea provides for over 36,000 patient visits a year. But, according to Tom Poole, Executive Director, plans are already underway to increase capacity by 10,000 visits.

“We have the capacity to see more patients on an annual basis,” he said. “We see this practice as an immediate option for those individuals who may have used St. Vincent's for primary and urgent care.” Mr. Poole also said that Beth Israel is preparing to open another BIMG 24/7 practice in the West Village, closer to St. Vincent's. “The success of the Chelsea practice clearly

indicates that open and expanded access to primary care services is needed and the model can be replicated in other communities to meet the demand.”

For more information about the Beth Israel’s 24-hour/seven-days-a-week facility, the general public can call toll free at 1-877-362-7692.

About the Beth Israel Medical Group

Affiliated with Beth Israel Medical Center and formerly known as DOCS, the Beth Israel Medical Group concentrates on building long-term, on-going relationships between our doctors and patients. The Beth Israel Medical Group services include primary care, orthopedics, cardiology, gastroenterology, rehabilitation medicine and pain management, surgery, urology, ophthalmology, endocrine, and pulmonary. The primary care and specialties offer same day and advance appointments. The Beth Israel Medical Group physicians focus is on the well being of their patients and work to ensure the utmost in quality.