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**VALLEY HEALTH EXPANDS SERVICE AREA TO INCLUDE MASON COUNTY**  
***Valley Health now operating three health centers in Gallipolis Ferry and Point Pleasant***

**Huntington, W.Va.** – Valley Health, a regional leader in primary care, is pleased to announce expansion of its service area to now include three community health center locations in Mason County.

Valley Health's expansion to Mason County has included a partnership with three existing Mason County medical practices and was executed in collaboration with Pleasant Valley Hospital as a means of establishing Mason County's first network of federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs). FQHCs are community-based organizations that provide comprehensive primary medical and preventive care, including health, dental and mental health services to people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay.

The three Mason County health centers now under Valley Health's management include the Gallipolis Ferry-based family medicine practice of Damia Hayman, CFNP, the Point Pleasant-based OB/GYN practice of Mark Nolan, MD, and the pediatrics practice of John Wiltz, MD, also in Point Pleasant.

"While our name may be new to those in Mason County, patients currently affiliated with the practices now under our management will continue to have their healthcare needs taken care of at the same location and by the same providers they have grown to know and trust," stated Valley Health CEO and Executive Director, Steve Shattls. "In fact, those patients can anticipate an even broader level of medical services through Valley Health's extensive network."

The expanded service opportunities Valley Health affords the Mason County community include the ability to serve the uninsured through a sliding fee scale program, access to family planning, access to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program and access to the Vaccines for Children Program. Additionally, Valley Health offers a broad array of primary care services that patients can access through a number of different locations.

"Valley Health is in the business of quality healthcare," Shattls said. "Furthermore, we're in the business of ensuring that quality, affordable healthcare is accessible to everyone. We take

tremendous pride in our physicians' and providers' talent and the dedication they show our patients every day.”

A leader in primary care since 1975, Valley Health today operates 31 health centers and public health programs and serves more than 68,000 patients on an annual basis with core services that include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dentistry, gastroenterology and psychiatry.

For more information about Valley Health-Gallipolis Ferry or to make an appointment with Damia Hayman, CFNP, call 304-675-5725 or visit 15167 Huntington Road, Gallipolis Ferry, W.Va..

For more information about Valley Health-Women's Health or to make an appointment with Mark Nolan, MD, call 304-675-3405 or visit 2520 Valley Drive, Suite 214, Point Pleasant, W.Va.

For more information about Valley Health-Children's Clinic or to make an appointment with John Wiltz, MD, call 304-675-4107 or visit 2801 Jackson Avenue, Point Pleasant, W.Va.

For general information about Valley Health or a complete list of its neighborhood locations, visit [www.valleyhealth.org](http://www.valleyhealth.org).

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Valley Health is an integrated network of 31 primary healthcare centers and public health programs in southwestern West Virginia and southern Ohio that serves more than 68,000 patients each year. The Valley Health medical staff includes doctors, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and midwives. Valley Health offers services including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dentistry, psychiatry, gastroenterology, pharmacy services, laboratory services, X-rays and ultrasounds. For more information about Valley Health, contact Lanie Masilamani, chief operating officer, at 304-525-3334 or visit [www.valleyhealth.org](http://www.valleyhealth.org).