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BONE DENSITOMETRY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE IN HALIBURTON COUNTY

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is pleased to announce the availability of a new diagnostic service available to area physicians and their patients – Bone Mineral Densitometry (BMD). Bone Densitometry is a test, like an X-ray, that quickly and accurately measures bone density. It can be used as a baseline study, to monitor those who are at high risk of developing osteoporosis and to monitor the effectiveness of treatment post diagnosis.

“I’m thrilled that we’re now able to offer Bone Densitometry services within Haliburton County, so that residents no longer have to drive out of town for this service”, says HHHS President and Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Plummer. “As we’re growing as a Rural Health Hub, this is another opportunity to increase access to more services locally”.

The purchase of this equipment was made possible through the fundraising efforts of the HHHS Foundation, which raised funds for the equipment from mid-2016 through 2017.

“The generosity of donors throughout the Haliburton Highlands, and beyond, is demonstrated again in this successful fundraising effort, providing \$175,000 for this important diagnostic equipment,” said Lisa Tompkins, Executive Director of the HHHS Foundation.

The Bone Densitometry equipment is in place at the Minden hospital site, and will be available to patients through physician referrals, beginning January 16.

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About Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Leaders in Innovative Rural Health Care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: Hospital Care (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care) Long-Term Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services and Community Support Services.

About Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the hospitals and health care facilities in Haliburton County, for capital projects, equipment, education programs and community support services. The money is raised through personal, business & corporate donations, special events, promotions, annual giving and the special gift program. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who dedicate their time and expertise to have better health care and hospital facilities. The Foundation does not provide funds for the operation of the facilities.