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Physician recruitment program launched to replace aging docs

ELLENVILLE – HealthMatch, a program of the Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center, kicked off its physician recruitment campaign on Thursday at a meeting in Ellenville.

HealthMatch is seeking to recruit new doctors to the Ellenville/Wawarsing area to replace doctors who will soon be retiring in what is considered a "health care provider shortage area."

Health Education Center Executive Director Kathryn Reed said there are currently 11 physicians who admit to Ellenville Regional Hospital and only three of them are under 50.

"The issue remains that as the population ages and we demand more of the healthcare system, our providers are aging as well," Reed said.

Ulster County Health Director Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck said it is vital to ensure that health care is available to residents in a health care shortage area.

"The very health of the community depends upon having folks here," Hasbrouck.



Reed: "providers are aging, as well"

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