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NEWS RELEASE

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Regional Infusion Center for COVID-19 now serving South Texas

EDINBURG – A Regional Infusion Center (RIC) for COVID-19 in Cameron County opened its doors and is accepting referrals for pediatric and adult patients. The function of this RIC is to provide outpatient single infusion treatment of Monoclonal Antibodies as allowed under the Emergency Use Authorization for those patients who meet criteria.

"I am grateful to hear of this news from Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño Jr. today. As we are working together as a region, our hope is to assist with lessening hospitalizations of patients with mild to moderate symptoms who may be treated via outpatient infusion," says Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez.

Due to the specialty of this RIC, it will function by referral and appointment only. In order to obtain an appointment, the patient must be referred by a provider.

Authorized Criteria:

- Patient must have a positive COVID-19 Test
- Patient must be within 10 days of symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic)
- Patient must be 12 years of age or older
- Patient must weight a minimum of 40 kg

Not Authorized:

- Patients who have been hospitalized due to COVID-19, or
- Patients who require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19, or
- Patients who require an increase in baseline oxygen flow rate due to COVID-19 in those on chronic oxygen therapy due to underlying non-COVID-19 related comorbidity.

If providers may have any questions on infusion criteria or referrals please contact the Regional Infusion Center **(956) 230-5565**.

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