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New Physician-Led Ambulatory Surgery Center opens in Missouri to expand Access to Dental Surgery for Medicaid Patients

Independence, Mo. – A new physician-led, licensed and accredited ambulatory surgery center in Independence, Missouri, will open October 14 with a specialized mission: expanding access to dental surgery under anesthesia for Medicaid patients who have limited options for care.

The facility is the region's first dental surgery center built to address a persistent gap in dental care access across the Kansas City metropolitan area. Vulnerable patients, including children, can face waits of six months or longer for dental surgery because there are too few facilities equipped to provide the anesthesia and surgical care they need.

Independence Surgery Center will provide general anesthesia and oral surgery for patients referred by community health centers and other providers. The center is intended to complement, rather than replace, the ongoing dental care provided by community health centers, which often need partners equipped to provide advanced anesthesia and surgical services.

The facility was envisioned and created by local dentists who have spent years caring for Missouri Medicaid patients and saw firsthand how limited access to surgical care affected their patients. Rather than being built by a hospital corporation or private equity firm, the center is led by community doctors who identified a gap in the existing healthcare system and created a facility to help fill it.

The center's mission is to help transform the invisible waiting line for dental surgery into timely treatment. By expanding access to anesthesia and oral surgery, Independence Surgery Center aims to help more patients receive care sooner and support healthier outcomes across the community.

Grand Opening

Independence Surgery Center will celebrate its grand opening on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10 a.m. at 19921 E. Jackson Drive in Independence, Missouri.**

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II, Independence Mayor Kevin King and other healthcare leaders will participate in the event.

Sponsors: Independence Surgery Center welcomes Aetna Better Health of Missouri as a Platinum Sponsor and Molina Healthcare as a Gold Sponsor of the grand opening.

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About Independence Surgery Center

Independence Surgery Center is a dental surgery facility in Independence, Missouri, created by local doctors to expand access to dental surgery under anesthesia for patients who have limited options for care. The center provides advanced anesthesia and oral surgery services for patients referred by community health centers and other providers.