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## WOODBINE TO HOST FOCUS GROUP ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky wants to make Woodbine residents to be aware of an opportunity to obtain a Federal Grant to improve health care in Woodbine.

The Federal Government had designated Woodbine as the only federally designated rural area in all of Cape May County. This designation allows health care providers to apply for and receive Federal funding to provide and/or expand health care services in medically underserved areas such as Woodbine.

The State of New Jersey has retained an independent consultant to conduct a consumer focus group to gather opinions on the health care needs of the residents of Woodbine. This information will be used to develop and support health care programs, facilities, and providers that could be funded by the Federal Government.

As a result of this, the Borough of Woodbine will be hosting a focus group on April 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and each participant will receive a \$20 gift card in appreciation for their attendance. Participants must be residents of the Borough of Woodbine.

"Your views and opinions are needed to help put Woodbine and New Jersey in competition for these Federal funds. This funding is necessary in order to provide essential medical services to your community," continued Mayor Pikolycky." If you are an adult and live in Woodbine, we want to hear from you. You can have an impact on the health care services and availability in the community, but your participation is needed. Your opinions will make a difference, so please register to attend."

To get more information, including location, and to reserve your space, please call 201-477-8590 or e-mail <u>ruralhealthcarevoices@gmail.com</u> and provide the following information: Name, Age, Phone Number, Email Address.