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UCFS celebrates designation as federal health care center

NORWICH - Community health care officials joined state lawmakers on the grounds of United Community and Family Service's East Town Street headquarters on Friday to celebrate its recent designation as a federally qualified health care center.

"After eight of looking like one, now, we finally are one," CEO Chuck Seeman said to applause during an afternoon picnic.

In mid-August, UCFS became a federally qualified health center "look-alike" in 2002, which allowed it to seek enhanced reimbursements for Medicare and Medicaid. It has tried three times in the past six years to shed its "look-alike" status.

That's because UCFS has been unable to compete for combined capital and operating grants of nearly \$100 million that have poured into the state over the last several years for Connecticut's 13 federally qualified health centers, which includes Generations in Willimantic.

UCFS will also be able to wipe \$200,000 in yearly expenses off its books in malpractice insurance costs, now being covered through the Federal Tort Claims Act.



United Community & Family Services president and CEO Chuck Seeman speaks at a luncheon Friday celebrating UCFS' designation as a federally qualified health center. Adam Benson/NorwichBulletin.com

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