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### **STATE APPROVES PATIENTS FIRST REQUEST**

(Washington,, MO, February 3, 2009) The Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee approved a non-applicability request from Patients First Health Care to acquire a linear accelerator (radiation equipment for cancer treatment) at its meeting in Jefferson City on Monday, February 2, 2009.

Patients First Health Care is currently expanding their Washington Campus to include a cancer center. In addition to chemotherapy and infusion therapy, Patients First will also offer radiation therapy. A linear accelerator provides radiation therapy, and will now be available for patients in Washington, Missouri, and surrounding counties requiring more advanced cancer treatment.

The state Certificate of Need Program operates under the Department of Health and Senior Services. The Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee determines the needs in the state for major health care expenditures and major medical equipment.

Anticipated completion date for the Patients First expansion project is August, 2009. For further information on Patients First Health Care, visit the website at [www.patientsfirsthc.com](http://www.patientsfirsthc.com) .