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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# CLINICA SIERRA VISTA ADDRESSES UNSUPPORTED RUMORS AND REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

**Fresno, CA – January 10, 2025** – Clinica Sierra Vista (CSV) is aware of recent rumors circulating on social media regarding ICE presence at our facilities. At this time, we have not received any credible reports to support these claims.

#### Our Commitment to a Safe Space for All

Clinica Sierra Vista is committed to providing a secure, respectful, and supportive environment for everyone seeking care. As a Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC), CSV must follow the rules set by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This means Clinica Sierra Vista provides health care services to all individuals, no matter their immigration status.

#### **Patient Privacy**

Patient privacy is our priority, and we strictly adhere to all laws protecting patient information. We do not collect or record immigration status in our files and take every measure to ensure the safety and well-being of all our patients.

"We understand the challenges and concerns our community faces during this time," said Dr. Olga Meave, CEO of Clinica Sierra Vista. "Let me be clear—our facilities are safe spaces for everyone who needs care. We are here to support your health and well-being with compassion and respect, no matter your circumstances."

#### Virtual and Phone Appointments Available

For patients who are concerned about coming to our clinics during this time, Clinica Sierra Vista offers virtual and phone appointments to ensure access to quality care from the comfort and safety of home.

#### **Helping Patients Stay Informed**

We are also working with our community partners to ensure everyone understands their rights. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your nearest Clinica Sierra Vista location or visit our website for more information.

Clinica Sierra Vista is committed to the health and well-being of our communities by providing compassionate healthcare to everyone.

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#### **About Clinica Sierra Vista**

Clinica Sierra Vista offers primary medical, dental, behavioral health, and support services to over 200,000 community members in Kern and Fresno counties. Their mission is to improve the health status and well-being of the communities they serve. For the latest information and updates, please visit <a href="https://www.clinicasierravista.org">www.clinicasierravista.org</a>.

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