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Pop-Up Free Clinic in D.C. Serves 467 Patients

Eight miles from the U.S. Capitol, in an area where 94 percent of households have health insurance, dozens of people slept in cars overnight to secure spots for free health, dental, and vision care. By 4:00 AM about 80 cars had arrived to get in line for the 6:00 AM opening.

By the time the pop-up clinic closed, 99 patients had vision exams and many walked out with new eyeglasses. One Medicare recipient arrived at 1:30 AM and was 59th in line for care. She wanted her tooth fixed. The clinic, organized by Remote Area Medical, initially targeted rural areas but has branched out into urban and suburban areas. According to the article, it appears most came for vision and dental care.

"A Few Miles from the U.S. Capitol, Dozens Slept in Their Cars, Waiting for Free Care," Phil Galewitz, KFF Health News, November 3, 2026: https://kffhealthnews.org/health-care-costs/healthcare-affordability-free-clinic-dental-vision-washington-dc-takoma-park-maryland/

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