

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Licensed by the state — New England Urgent Care is one of the first in Connecticut

West Hartford, CT — New England Urgent Care is one of the first urgent cares in Connecticut to receive its licensing, and is the only state-licensed and nationally certified urgent care operating in West Hartford, Enfield, Manchester and Bristol.

The process was rigorous — New England Urgent Care facilities were subject to inspection and investigation. After meeting all the requirements, licensing was granted on May 28, 2019.

Why does licensing matter?

According to Connecticut lawmakers, the goal was to "better regulate this growing industry that provides an important health care service." Dr. Michael Gutman, New England Urgent Care Medical Director, believes regulation benefits patients. He said, "It's going to force facilities to either say 'we're not urgent care' or increase quality of their care."

In addition, New England Urgent Care and has been nationally certified since 2011 by the Urgent Care Association of America (UCAOA). This certification ensures New England Urgent Care has the training and on-site equipment — including x-rays, blood lab, EKG, respiratory and pharmacy — to treat patients for a broader range of illnesses and injuries than walk-ins that are not certified.

State Statue Chapter 368V § 19a-490-495 outlines the requirements that would 'promote safe, humane and adequate care and treatment of individuals.'

Gutman added, "New England Urgent Care is capable of delivering diagnostic and treatment modalities to ill and injured patients far beyond that of a Primary Care clinic. It's important for the public to be able to differentiate the level of services provided by clinics."

New England Urgent Care was co-founded in 2011 by Dr. Michael Gutman and his wife Yahel Gutman, RN, BSN, YTT-200H, and Clinical Director. Both have extensive emergency medicine training and have worked in hospital Emergency Departments. New England Urgent Care is open every day of the year. No appointment is needed.

For more information about New England Urgent Care, call 844-884-9911 or visit <u>urgentcarenewengland.com</u>.

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Source: "Lawmakers Push to Regulate Urgent Care Centers" Hartford Courant, August 25, 2017