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Centura plans new Castle Rock facility
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Centura Health, Colorado's largest health care system, plans to build a new medical center in Castle Rock to offer full medical services in the next several years.

The faith-based, nonprofit health care system recently signed an agreement to purchase 50 acres from the Castle Rock Development Co. in The Meadows at Historic Castle Rock on the northeast corner of Meadows Parkway and Prairie Hawk Drive.

The first phase of construction is slated to begin in 2008 as Centura Health aims to open a 50,000-square-foot medical office building and a 20,000-square-foot emergency room, imaging center and outpatient lab by the end of 2009. The campus will eventually include a full service, state-of-the-art hospital, said John Beaman, Centura Health project executive.

"There is a significant need for health care services in the Castle Rock area," said Gregory Burfitt, president and chief executive of Centura Health. "We are thrilled to be able to fill that void and expand our services to serve the needs of this important community."

Castle Rock was earmarked for the company's latest medical complex, with studies indicating more than 96 percent of the town's residents seek hospital care in the Denver metropolitan region.

Plans and construction for the hospital will commence after Centura meets with residents, physicians and town officials to design a center customized to meet the town's needs.

"When we put a hospital in Castle Rock, we're going to take the time and meet with the community and get their input on what services they feel need to be provided," Beaman said. "What do they need to go elsewhere to find? We need to be sure we're meeting the needs of the community. The size of the hospital and what services will be available will be determined by the citizens and the demands of the community."

The Centura Health family includes 12 hospitals, seven senior living residences, medical clinics, Flight For Life Colorado and home care and hospice services, according to a Centura press release.

The project will be sponsored by Adventist Health System, a Florida-based organization operating 37 hospitals in 10 states. Four of those hospitals: Avista, Littleton, Parker and Porter Adventist hospitals, are part of Centura Health in the greater Denver area. When completed, the entire project is estimated to cost more than \$120 million.

When completely built out, the medical center is expected to bring hundreds of jobs to the community. Centura Health is confident that this medical center, like its other Colorado facilities, will attract the highest quality of associates because of its modern capabilities, premier location in a highly desirable community and Centura's faith-based mission.

"The goal for Castle Rock has always been to be a self-sustaining town," says Randy Reed,

mayor of Castle Rock. "Centura Health will be building a medical center that will help provide this kind of foundation for our people and surrounding communities which fits our town's 2020 Vision."

Centura is committed to providing healing for the sick and preserving the health of the communities it serves, Beaman said. One of the key components to its mission is wellness and promoting a healthy lifestyle, a goal that should be easily met in Castle Rock, Beaman said.

"It fits very well with the community of Castle Rock, its vision and why the people live there," Beaman said. "We're excited to come in and fill the health care void and help fulfill the town's mission of being a self-sustaining community. Tying together what the town's vision is and the obvious health care needs of that area ... we feel it's a great opportunity to join the community and help the citizens and town achieve their goals."

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