



News Release

Encompass Health announces plans to build a 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Lakeland, Florida

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 21, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Encompass Health Corp. (NYSE: EHC) today announced it has placed land under contract and plans to build a freestanding, 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Lakeland, Florida, to be named Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Lakeland.

Complementing local acute care services, the hospital will care for patients recovering from debilitating illnesses and injuries including strokes and other neurological disorders, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, amputations and complex orthopedic conditions. The hospital will provide physical, occupational and speech therapies that aim to restore functional ability and quality of life and 24-hour care by registered nurses, many of whom are certified in rehabilitation nursing.

The medical staff will be comprised of physicians experienced in physical medicine and rehabilitation as well as other specialties such as internal medicine, cardiology, infectious disease and nephrology to assist in the medical management and support a complex patient population.

"The hospital we will build in Lakeland is a freestanding, state-of-the-art physical plant. The design is specific to caring for rehabilitation patients and is based off our experience operating 12 hospitals in Florida and 136 hospitals throughout the nation," said Linda Wilder, president of Encompass Health's southeast region. "Additionally our staff is dedicated to, trained and singularly focused on the specialty practice of physical rehabilitation, which will make the services we bring a high-quality complement to the existing strong healthcare services in the area. We are very glad to have the opportunity to serve the patients and community of Lakeland and the surrounding area."

The hospital will feature all private patient rooms, a spacious therapy gym with advanced rehabilitation technologies and an activities of daily living suite, cafeteria, dining room, pharmacy and therapy courtyard.

The planned hospital, once opened, will become part of Encompass Health's national network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and home health and hospice agencies. The Company's Florida footprint currently includes 12 inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, a hospital under construction in **north Tampa** and 19 home health locations. A construction timeline for the hospital has not yet been established.

About Encompass Health

As a national leader in integrated healthcare services, Encompass Health (NYSE: EHC) offers both facility-based and home-based patient care through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, home health agencies and hospice agencies. With a national footprint that includes 136 hospitals, 245 home health locations, and 83 hospice locations in 39 states and Puerto Rico, the Company is committed to delivering high-quality, cost-effective, integrated care across the healthcare continuum. Encompass Health is ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For. For more information, visit encompasshealth.com, or follow us on our [newsroom](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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