

Encompass Health and Shannon Health to form joint venture for new inpatient rehabilitation hospital in San Angelo, Texas

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. and SAN ANGELO, Texas, Jan. 8, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Birmingham, Ala.-based Encompass Health Corp. (NYSE: EHC) and San Angelo, Texas-based Shannon Health today announced plans to form a joint venture for a new, 40-bed, freestanding inpatient rehabilitation hospital in San Angelo, Texas.

The hospital is being constructed by the Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital Trust, the foundation arm of Shannon Health, and will be leased to the joint venture between Encompass Health and Shannon Health. This hospital will replace Shannon Medical Center's 14-bed rehabilitation unit, which has been providing rehabilitative care to patients since 1988.

"We are excited to be working with the team at Shannon Health to meet the growing need for rehabilitation services in the San Angelo community," said Frank Brown, president of Encompass Health's southwest region. "Under our joint venture, we'll continue providing the excellent rehabilitative care established by Shannon in a new space specifically designed for rehabilitation patients."

Included in the hospital will be a spacious therapy gym, advanced rehabilitation technologies, an activities of daily living suite, cafeteria and dining room, pharmacy and courtyard.

It will be located on approximately 7.7 acres along the north side of the Appaloosa Trail west of the intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 2288 in San Angelo. The joint venture plans to start providing patient care in the new hospital beginning spring 2021.

"We have great pride at Shannon in providing high quality inpatient rehabilitation services for our patients and their families for more than 30 years," said Shane Plymell, CEO and President of Shannon. "As our region continues to see tremendous growth, the healthcare needs of our population will continue to evolve. Encompass Health is a respected leader in this industry, and we are excited to partner with their expertise and expand our capability to serve the needs of more patients here in the Concho Valley. Our continuing mission is to provide patients an exceptional experience along with the best possible care."

Complementing local acute care services, the hospital will care for patients recovering from a variety of debilitating illnesses and injuries including strokes and other neurological disorders, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, amputations and complex orthopedic conditions. It offers physical, occupational and speech therapies as well as 24-hour nursing care that aim to restore functional ability and quality of life.

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 133 hospitals, 245 home health locations, and 82 hospice locations in 37 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](#).

About Shannon Health

Shannon Medical Center is proud to be the largest, locally-based health care provider for the Concho Valley and surrounding region in West Texas. For more than 87 years, the Shannon mission has focused on providing exceptional healthcare for its family, friends and neighbors. Together with Shannon Clinic, Shannon provides access to more than 275 providers in 40 medical specialties across 22 locations. Shannon's services include nationally-recognized cardiac and stroke programs with the AirMed1 air ambulance and designated Level III Trauma Facility which has been named top Trauma Facility in the state. It also features a dedicated Women's & Children's Hospital which celebrates the birth of more than 1,200 new babies each year and is home to the Children's Miracle Network for the area.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this press release which are not historical facts, such as those relating to the likelihood, timing and effects of the completion of this hospital project, are forward-looking statements. In addition, Encompass Health may from time to time make forward-looking public statements concerning the matters



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