

## Medical Center Hospital of Odessa partners with Encompass Health and Midland Memorial Hospital on existing inpatient rehabilitation hospital

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. and ODESSA, Texas, July 22, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Encompass Health Corp. (NYSE: EHC) and Midland Memorial Hospital today announced that Medical Center Hospital of Odessa has become a joint owner of [Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland Odessa](#), an 80-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital that has served the Midland-Odessa region for 27 years. Medical Center Hospital of Odessa's partnership became effective on July 1, 2021.



"We are pleased to partner with Medical Center Hospital of Odessa on our existing hospital in the Permian Basin," said Frank Brown, president of Encompass Health's southwest region. "This tri-venture is a true representation of healthcare providers coming together for the benefit of the community. We're proud of the great work we've accomplished with the team at Midland Memorial Hospital over the years and couldn't be more excited to bring another leading healthcare provider into our partnership."

"We believe the health of our community extends far beyond the hospital walls and that starts with key partners such as Encompass Health. Since 2016, our longstanding relationship has been a true benefit to our community and allowed for access to a continuum of care. We are proud to have Medical Center Hospital join in on the collaboration to expand the benefit in the Permian Basin," said Russell Meyers, chief executive officer and president of Midland Health.

"The care of our patients does not stop when they leave the hospital, thus making this partnership with Encompass Health and Midland Memorial Hospital extremely important," said Russell Tippin, chief executive officer and president of Medical Center Health System. "To have several partners in the region all working toward a goal of making sure the people of the Permian Basin are prioritized and cared for is a big step for our community. We are proud to be a part of this venture."

Complementing local acute care services, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland Odessa cares 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 provides 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.

Encompass Health, the country's largest owner and operator of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, currently operates 25 hospitals in Texas. In addition, the Company has a hospital under construction in [Waco](#), which opens in August, and has announced another planned hospital in [Prosper](#).

### 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 140 hospitals, 249 home health locations, and 94 hospice locations in 42 states and Puerto Rico, the Company provides high-quality, cost-effective integrated healthcare. Encompass Health is ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For. For more information, visit [encompasshealth.com](https://encompasshealth.com), or follow us on our [newsroom](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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