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Alabama medical firm Encompass Health to build new Osceola County rehabilitation hospital

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Encompass Health Corp. unveiled plans for another rehabilitation hospital near Kissimmee.

The Birmingham, Alabama-based health system (NYSE: EHC) announced it has land under contract in Osceola County, where it will build a 50-bed hospital. A construction timeline for the new facility hasn't been finalized, company spokeswoman Hillary Carnel told *Orlando Business Journal*, and an address wasn't revealed.

However, the company's 50-bed hospitals typically have roughly 52,000 square feet of space and hire about 95 people. All Encompass hospitals are built with space for potential future expansion, Carnel added.

Meanwhile, Encompass already is finalizing plans for a 100-bed, 83,500-square-foot facility on 11 acres of a 32.46 acre-parcel on State Road 50 in Clermont, as *OBJ* previously reported. The Clermont hospital will be built out in multiple bed phases, with 50 beds and 54,700 square feet in Phase 1. Two additional phases with 20 and 30 beds, respectively, would be built as part of a 28,800-square-foot expansion.



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Encompass Health has plans for a new rehabilitation hospital near Kissimmee. The company is based in Birmingham, Alabama.

Encompass Health's goal is to open the Clermont hospital in 2022. In the first year, the hospital expects to hire 100 people and would add more jobs over time.

The projects are good news for Central Florida, where other health companies with a focus on rehabilitation also have plans for new local facilities. For example, Jacksonville-based Brooks Rehabilitation will start construction later this year on a 60-bed rehab hospital in southeast Orlando's Lake Nona community. The organization expects to hire 170-200 new employees once the hospital is built, CEO Doug Baer previously told *OBJ*. The hospital also will have the space to double its bed count in the future, if needed.

New construction creates opportunities for temporary jobs. Once completed, hospitals also generate opportunities for local vendors to provide supplies or services on behalf of the facility.

Encompass has a footprint that includes 137 hospitals, 241 home health locations, and 82 hospice locations in 39 U.S. states and Puerto Rico.

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