

WESTERN SIERRA MEDICAL CLINIC TO OPEN THIS SUMMER PENN VALLEY HEALTH CENTER

1,000 Penn Valley residents rely on Western Sierra for comprehensive health services

GRASS VALLEY – Western Sierra Medical Clinic will begin construction in the next few weeks of a comprehensive health center in Penn Valley. The new facility will meet many of the health care needs of the community of 10,000 residents.

The health center, at Penn Valley Drive and Spenceville Road, will open this summer after a modest renovation of the 3,650-square-foot building and receiving the necessary federal and state approvals.

About 1,000 Penn Valley residents already receive treatment at Western Sierra's primary clinic in Grass Valley, about 10 miles away.

“We've been considering opening a Penn Valley health center for some time, especially with the number of patients who travel from the community to the Grass Valley health center for services,” said Western Sierra Medical Clinic CEO Scott McFarland. “Soon, we will be able to meet many of their health care needs very close to home.”

Western Sierra will offer numerous services in Penn Valley, including primary care, pediatrics, specialists and dental services. Western Sierra emphasizes preventive care and educational programs that help empower patients to make better and more informed health decisions.

“We're always looking to add services in order to best serve the community and our patients,” said Western Sierra Chief Medical Officer Robert “Simi” Lyss, a longtime resident of Nevada County.

Penn Valley has a large senior population and Western Sierra will offer Medicare patients a fee based on their ability to pay for health services.

Many seniors live in the gated community of Lake Wildwood in Penn Valley, several miles from the soon-to-open health center. Several housing communities are within walking distance of the health clinic, and more are planned.

The Penn Valley health center is across from the new Penn Valley Community Center and near restaurants, shopping and a hardware store.

The Penn Valley health center will be the fourth for Western Sierra, the largest outpatient provider in the region with about 20,000 patients.

Western Sierra moved into a new health center in Grass Valley in December 2014. The 19,000-square-foot building – about 50 percent larger than the previous center in the community –

allows the nonprofit to expand services and meet the burgeoning demand in the region. But the greater-than-expected demand for medical services in Penn Valley prompted the new location.

“We were just waiting for the right opportunity, as far as the location and the timing,” McFarland said.

Greg Ward of Network Commercial Real Estate handled the transaction.

About Western Sierra Medical Clinic

Western Sierra Medical Clinic provides comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care in Nevada, Sierra and Yuba counties. Founded in 1975, Western Sierra emphasizes preventive care, education and empowering patients to make informed decisions. Western Sierra is the largest outpatient health care provider in Nevada County, where a new full-service health center is meeting the growing demands in the community. You can learn more about Western Sierra Medical Clinic at www.wsmcmed.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WesternSierraMedicalClinic.