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Pittsboro getting new facility for seniors

Center offers an alternative to nursing homes

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PITTSBORO, N.C. – Piedmont Health is building a new facility that will house the new **Piedmont Health SeniorCare of Pittsboro** program.

The one-story, 20,000-square-foot building, which will be located at 163 Chatham Business Drive, is expected to be completed in June or July of 2013, and to open for business shortly thereafter. The construction is being done by Hamlett Associates of Climax, N.C., at a cost of \$2.8 million. Including land and equipment, information technology and furniture, the project's cost is \$3.4 million.

Piedmont Health SeniorCare is a Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), which are growing in popularity in North Carolina and across the nation. Under PACE programs, those who are 55 and older and meet eligibility requirements receive care at home and at the PACE facility, allowing them to live at home as they age rather than moving to a nursing home, where they may have less independence and where care can be more expensive. Participants receive care and services from an interdisciplinary team of health-care professionals, including a physician, nurses, physical therapist, occupational therapist, pharmacist, social worker and a nutritionist.

The program supplements another Piedmont Health SeniorCare center located in Burlington, N.C. Both are operated by Piedmont Health, based in Carrboro, N.C.

"We're excited about expanding to a new area," said Jane Hollingsworth, Piedmont Health SeniorCare's medical director.

Pending licensure and certification, Piedmont Health SeniorCare of Pittsboro should begin accepting patients in September of 2013. The program will serve 150 participants at capacity.

The building will feature four exam rooms, three beds, three day rooms for activities, a service kitchen and an activities kitchen that program participants can use. The property will include a walking trail, a garden and a covered porch.

For more information about Piedmont Health SeniorCare, call 336-532-0000 or visit www.piedmonthalthseniorcare.org or [www.Facebook.com/PiedmontHealthSeniorCare](https://www.facebook.com/PiedmontHealthSeniorCare).