

New Hospital Project (Chrysalis Project) Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What happens to my donation/pledge if the new hospital does not move forward?

Donations and pledges that have been given toward the new hospital project will be marked accordingly. Should the decision be made at some point not to build the new hospital, donors will be contacted to ask if they would like to redirect their donation/pledge to a new project or if donations should be returned and any remaining pledge amount be removed.

Question: What does the new hospital look like?

The new eighteen bed Critical Access Hospital (CAH) will be approximately 72,000 square feet and include all the services we currently provide, with increased capacity for outpatient services including surgical services and infusion therapy. It is designed with a focus on exceptional patient care and operational efficiencies. There will be a single community entrance, as well as separate public spaces designed to provide a great patient experience and provide a high level of security for patients and staff. All departments are designed to be able to grow easily in the future. Renderings of the outside and a few inside areas can be viewed at www.McKenzieHealth.org/Build.

Question: How much will it cost?

The building construction is estimated at \$74,000,000.

Question: Will the new hospital/loan be a taxpayer burden?

The new hospital will not be a burden to taxpayers. In addition to pursuing donations and grants, a USDA loan has been received which will cover all or most of the costs associated with the construction of the new hospital. **McKenzie Health System is not supported by taxpayer dollars and never has been.**

Question: When will construction begin and end?

Groundbreaking on the construction site was held on October 1, 2025 and construction is scheduled to be completed March/April of 2027. Once completed, inspections and equipment/furniture installation will take place.

Due to factors which may be outside of our control, this is only an estimate.

Question: Will it increase capacity and services?

The new hospital includes increased capacity in terms of space and services. This allows us to add services now as well as easily expand the building in the future if needed. The current building is 43,612 square feet compared to the new facility which will be approximately 72,000 square feet.





Question: Why are we building when we just remodeled?

The remodel performed with Federal COVID dollars addressed very specific departments and concerns for the short term. It was a steppingstone to improving safety until we were able to move forward with a new facility to address all issues and departments.



Question: What will be done with the old hospital?

The focus has been on developing the new facility plan. Discussions are currently taking place to focus on the current building, evaluating community needs and potential uses of the building.

Question: What stage are we in?

We are excited to be in the construction phase of the project. Regular updates are shared on our McKenzieHealth.org/Build page including drone video footage and photos to show progress.

Question: Do you think we will get more specialists if we have better facilities?

Having a newer facility, designed to accommodate the latest technology and advancements in medicine, will be attractive to physicians and could potentially be a recruiting tool. McKenzie has a number of quality specialists providing care to the community and we will continue to evaluate the need to bring on additional specialties.

Question: Will all the clinics and doctors be located by the new hospital?

The second phase of the project will include an additional space to be connected to the new hospital. The plan is to move our Sandusky family healthcare clinics and specialty clinics to the new location along with other providers/services which may be added.

Question: Will we get our own MRI unit?

Michigan is a Certificate of Need (CON) state, which requires specific conditions to be met to qualify to have an MRI. McKenzie has applied for a mobile MRI. This would be the first step and, based on usage, a decision would be made to apply for a permanent MRI unit.