

HealthSouth Announces Plans to Build New Hospital in Arizona **State-of-the-art hospital brings rehabilitation services to Mesa**

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HealthSouth Corporation today announced it has broken ground on HealthSouth East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital. The new, 40-bed freestanding inpatient rehabilitation hospital will be located at 5652 E. Baseline Road next to A.T. Still University in Mesa, Ariz.

"We have been privileged to serve patients in Arizona since 1995 and look forward to offering HealthSouth's high-quality services closer to home for Mesa residents," said Jerry Gray, president of HealthSouth's West Region. "We are on track with the groundbreaking and expect to be fully operational by late summer of 2009."

Once complete, HealthSouth East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital will provide more patients in the greater Phoenix area with the latest in rehabilitative medicine. The state-of-the-art rehabilitation hospital will offer comprehensive inpatient and outpatient programs. Plans for the 47,500-square-foot, single-story hospital include all private rooms, a spacious, on-site therapy gym and cutting-edge rehabilitation technologies.

Currently, HealthSouth operates five rehabilitation hospitals throughout Arizona located in Glendale, Scottsdale, Tucson and Yuma. Accredited by The Joint Commission, HealthSouth's inpatient rehabilitation hospitals provide a higher level of rehabilitative care to patients who are recovering from stroke and other neurological disorders, brain and spinal cord injury, amputations, and orthopedic, cardiac and pulmonary conditions. HealthSouth East Valley Rehabilitation Hospital can be found on the Web at www.healthsoutheastvalley.com.

About HealthSouth

HealthSouth is the nation's largest provider of inpatient rehabilitation services. Operating in 26 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, HealthSouth serves more than 250,000 patients annually through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, outpatient rehabilitation satellites, and home health agencies. HealthSouth strives to be the health care company of choice for its patients, employees, physicians and shareholders and can be found on the Web at www.healthsouth.com.

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