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## **UMC and Encompass Health Hold Groundbreaking for New Rehabilitation Hospital**

*The inpatient rehabilitation hospital will begin serving patients in spring 2019*

**LUBBOCK, Texas, July 18, 2018** - Today, Birmingham, Ala.-based Encompass Health Corp. and UMC Health System broke ground on a new, 40-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital located beside the UMC Business and Technology Center on North Slide. The address for the rehab hospital is 5406 Colgate Street. The specialized hospital will offer a new service line for people in Lubbock and surrounding communities through its comprehensive rehabilitation services.

Along with the ceremonial groundbreaking, an invocation was delivered by Rev. Larry Cothrin, Director of Pastoral Care at UMC, and remarks were provided by Chris Wortham, CEO of the future inpatient rehabilitation hospital; John Lowe, Director of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at UMC; and Mark Tarr, president and CEO of Encompass Health Corp.

“Services provided at this hospital will help people return to their highest levels of independence after experiencing a life-altering illness or injury,” said Wortham. “Together, Encompass Health and UMC will bring high-quality, cost-effective rehabilitative services to the Lubbock community. I look forward to being part of the team that will make new beginnings possible for our patients.”

The freestanding inpatient rehabilitation hospital will include private patient rooms, a spacious therapy gym, an in-house pharmacy, a dialysis suite for patients needing dialysis services during their stay, courtyard, dining room and dayroom areas. Services through the new hospital are expected to begin spring 2019.

“UMC is pleased to join forces with Encompass Health in the development of the South Plains Rehabilitation Hospital,” said Lowe. “We are both committed to a high-level of patient service and quality. We believe this rehabilitation hospital will elevate rehabilitation options, giving patients in Lubbock and the region access to a wider range of care.”

The hospital team will provide inpatient rehabilitation services and higher medical management for patients recovering from stroke and other neurological disorders, hip fractures, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation and complex orthopedic conditions. Patients will receive a minimum of three hours per day of therapy for five days each week, 24-hour nursing care, access to advanced technologies and frequent visits by an attending physician during their stay.

Gresham, Smith & Partners is the architect for the hospital and the contractor is Hoar Construction. The cost of the project is approximately \$20 million.

**About UMC Health System**

UMC Health System has developed a strong and enduring culture, adhering to the motto Service is Our Passion, our 'why.' This sustains UMC as the employer of choice—consistently ranking among the best places to work in Texas by the Best Companies Group - and the provider of choice - ranking among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation for patient experience by HealthGrades. More than 500,000 patients a year choose UMC.

**About Encompass Health**

As a national leader in post-acute care, Encompass Health (NYSE: EHC) offers both facility-based and home-based patient care through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, home health agencies and hospice agencies. With a national footprint that spans 128 hospitals and 268 home health & hospice locations in 36 states and Puerto Rico, the Company is committed to delivering high-quality, cost-effective care across the post-acute continuum. Driven by a set of shared values, Encompass Health is the result of the union between HealthSouth Corporation and Encompass Home Health & Hospice, and is ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For, as well as Modern Healthcare's Best Places to Work. For more information, visit [encompasshealth.com](http://encompasshealth.com), or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).