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New Orleans VA receive outpatient building and main concourse for December opening

NEW ORLEANS – Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System received the new Veterans medical center’s diagnostics and treatment building and the main concourse from the construction team Monday, Oct. 3.

This milestone event completes the turnover of every building except the employee parking garage and the research building – which is scheduled to be completed in 2017 – at the new Veterans medical center.

With the turnover of the diagnostics and treatment building, SLVHCS is on schedule to start seeing patients this December at its new location here. The inpatient building and patient parking garage were turned over to SLVHCS in December 2015, the central energy plant in January, the outpatient building in May and the transitional living and rehabilitation building in September.

“Receiving this last main building on the SLVHCS medical center campus is symbolic for Veterans and the city of New Orleans,” said Fernando O. Rivera, FACHE, SLVHCS medical center director. “We have worked toward opening this medical center for more than half a decade, and now we are only two months away from receiving our first Veteran outpatient. Southeast Louisiana’s Veterans are going to have a phenomenal resource dedicated to providing the best health care possible for them very soon.”

The new 1.6 million square foot Veterans medical center will begin phased operations in late 2016 for Veterans in the 23 parishes of southeast Louisiana. Ambulatory and day procedures will begin in 2017, followed by complex surgeries later in the year. Veterans from the Texas-Louisiana border to the panhandle of Florida will come to SLVHCS for inpatient care when the new medical center is fully operational.

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