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## **Central Maine Healthcare plans for new 44,000 s/f health center**

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Topsham, ME Central Maine Healthcare (CMH) unveiled its plans to open an outpatient care center, the first of its kind in the state in July.

The Topsham Care Center, a 44,000 s/f facility to be located at 105 Topsham Fair Mall Rd., aims to provide increased access to high-quality imaging, urgent care, cancer care and lab services, conveniently co-located under one roof. In addition, the center will offer a unique patient experience at a lower cost structure than what patients would experience in an inpatient setting. Rotating clinics will provide a range of specialty care services allowing patients to access the specialty care they need closer to home.

This new center will be the first in a planned network of CMH outpatient centers that complement the health system's inpatient Centers of Excellence: Central MaineMedical Center in Lewiston, Bridgton Hospital and Rumford Hospital.

"This is a new healthcare delivery model for Mainers," said Jeff Brickman, CEO of CMH. "We have made significant investments in our services and are committed to providing this community with convenient, affordable access to the quality healthcare it needs, with an unparalleled patient experience."

To bring this vision to fruition, CMH has forged strategic partnerships with healthcare providers known for their quality, such as New England Cancer Specialists (NECS) and Shields Health Care Group. CMH's multidisciplinary affiliation with Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) supports the development of new programs to provide best-in-class options for care.

NECS executive director Steven D'Amato noted the significant need for cancer care in the area and stated that the new Topsham Care Center will enable his practice to continue the expansion necessary in order to meet the growing needs of patients in the Midcoast region. NECS conducted more than 9,600 patient visits at its Brunswick office in 2017.

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