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Capital Health facility to open Nov. 6

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HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP — Capital Health Medical Center — Hopewell will open on Nov. 6, according to Capital Health's board of directors.

The new Hopewell Township-based medical facility will be located off Scotch Road, north of Interstate 95's Scotch Road exit. Because of its location, it will be readily accessible to residents of Mercer and nearby Bucks and Hunterdon counties.

Nov. 6 also will mark the transition of Capital Health — Mercer from an acute care hospital to a Satellite Emergency Department, according to Donald MacNeill, Capital Health spokesman.

On that date, patients from Capital Health — Mercer, located on Bellevue Avenue in Trenton, will be transferred by ambulances to Capital Health Medical Center — Hopewell.

Also on that date, Mercer will



The new Capital Health Medical Center — Hopewell will look something like this when it opens in the fall. See related story on Page 9A.

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cease to admit inpatients and will provide urgent and emergency services at its Satellite Emergency Department (SED). In addition to the SED, Capital Health – Mercer will house administrative offices, including Human Resources, Clinical and Community Education and offices of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

“Over the past decade since the merging of our two hospitals, Capital Health has

remained focused on a vision of bringing an advanced level of medical care to this region. In more recent years, we’ve worked hard to realize this vision for our patients, and today, I’m honored to be able to share this important landmark date in our organization’s history,” said Samuel J. Plumeri Jr., chairman of the Capital Health board.

“Traditionally, patients requiring very specialized care have found it necessary to travel to major cities, such as

Philadelphia and New York. Our goal, through the recruitment of physicians who are at the forefront of their fields and the use of the most cutting-edge technology and treatments, has been to bring that care right to the doorstep of our patients,” Mr. Plumeri added.

NOV. 6 will be a big day for Hopewell Township, too.

“It seems like only yesterday that the groundbreaking took place at the Capital Health campus in Hopewell Township. Now with the actual opening soon to be a reality, everyone in the township will be proud to say that this — one of the region’s foremost medical facilities — is in their own hometown. We will be happy to greet this old friend and new neighbor, Capital Health Medical Center – Hopewell, to our community and look forward to the mutual benefits now and in years to come,” said Hopewell Township Mayor Jim Burd on Monday.

Hopewell Township Health Officer Gary Guarino added: “We are very excited about our new community public health partner opening this fall in the township.

“The Hopewell Township Health Department is now working with Capital Health in a collaborative delivery of both public health nursing and community health education services.

“Additionally, I want to inform our Valley residents that on or after Nov. 6, all of the vital activities (deaths and births) that occur at the new Hopewell Campus will be recorded and certified copies will be available for purchase at the township Health Department.”

“On behalf of our employees and physicians, I’m excited for residents who live in our surrounding communities to experience our new hospital, which will transform the conventional hospital experience through innovative

amenities, design and most of all, outstanding delivery of highly sophisticated medical services,” said Al Maghazeh, president and CEO, Capital Health.

“I know I speak for my medical staff colleagues when I say that we are eagerly awaiting Nov. 6 for the opening of the area’s newest hospital and the move of the Regional Perinatal Center to brand new quarters at Capital Health Regional Medical Center. It’s important to note that these milestones represent not only the opening of new facilities, but the transformation that Capital Health has undergone to become a truly regional healthcare system,” said Dr. Marc S. Whitman, president, Capital Health Medical Staff.

The new Capital Health Medical Center – Hopewell “will feature advanced medical services in a non-traditional hospital setting that incorporates patient-friendly design with unique, environmentally conscious features. Amenities such as an on-site

spa, coffee kiosk, cyber café, bistro and boutique gift shops will be combined with high level, specialized medical services such as neurosciences, digestive health, advanced orthopedic services, cancer, CyberKnife® radio-surgery, daVinci® robotic surgery, reconstructive surgery, and specialized pediatric emergency care,” according to Mr. MacNeill.

The new hospital and attached medical office building will feature environmentally friendly design based on the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™ (LEED). These features include “roof gardens that recycle rainwater, technologies that reduce heating and cooling requirements and patient rooms with ample sunlight and beautiful views,” Mr. MacNeill said.

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