

Valley Springs in line for new family clinic

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Mark Twain Health Care District and Dignity Health are moving closer to building a new Valley Springs Family Medical Center, it was announced at Wednesday's Valley Springs Area Business Association luncheon.

Nicki Stevens, Mark Twain Medical Center's manager of marketing and business development, said the hospital's strategic plan calls for a new center to be built in Valley Springs within the next two years.

A new clinic for Angels Camp is going through the approval process in that city and those plans will serve as a blueprint for the Valley Springs center, she added, which will be approximately 15,000 square feet in size.

The health care district is in discussions with several property owners, so a site has not been finalized or purchased.

"It's going to happen, but we just don't know exactly where," she said.

Mark Twain Medical Center is in an expansion mode with the addition of nine new doctors and more to come, she told the audience at the VSABA luncheon.

The Valley Springs Family Medical Center has been located in La Contenta Plaza for the past 24 years.

It's approximately 5,000 square feet in size, so the new facility would be triple in square footage.

Mark Twain has had an eye on a new and expanded Valley Springs clinic for the past five years.