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City of Elgin, Seton partner to create new health facilities and services

(AUSTIN, Texas – Dec. 13, 2017) — The City of Elgin announced today that they have signed an agreement with Seton Family of Hospitals to develop a multi-phase medical center complex within the city, including a Seton clinic that will offer primary care and after-hours urgent care services. Construction on the clinic will begin by the end of 2018.

The agreement provides for a continuing commitment by Seton to expand services and facilities consistent with the city's population growth and need for medical services. Seton is part of [Ascension](#), the largest nonprofit health system in the U.S. and the largest Catholic health system in the world.

"This is a great project for the city and represents a true partnership with Seton to address Elgin's health care needs while properly managing use of the public's money," said Elgin Mayor Chris Cannon. "We believe this is just the start of new commercial growth and development and Seton represents the anchor we have been looking for to lead the way."

Meeting the health needs of a growing community

Elgin is currently a medically underserved area of northern Bastrop County, where quality healthcare services are costly and not typically available in a

community of its size. Through this partnership, however, the City and Seton will join together to provide much-needed medical services and facilities to the Elgin community in a manner that is financially viable and sustainable.

A primary feature of the partnership involves the City conveying land to Seton in exchange for a commitment to provide healthcare services. The City will convey ownership of approximately 35 acres of currently undeveloped land south of and adjacent to US Highway 290 for this purpose.

In exchange for the land, Seton will construct a multi-phased project that may include multiple buildings providing traditional medical services, with a total possible capital investment up to \$30 million. Phase 1 of the Project will include the construction an approximately 5,000 square foot care site that will be designed to offer primary care and after-hours urgent care services.

"As a community ministry with more than 100 years of service to Central Texas, the Seton family has always considered it our responsibility to provide health care services to all the people of this region," said Andy Davis, President of Seton Family of Hospitals. "As Central Texas continues to grow, we are grateful to work in conjunction with the City of Elgin to develop and provide high quality health care services through an innovative arrangement."

Phase 1 of the Project is anticipated to represent a \$2.2 million capital investment by Seton.

"This is a very exciting announcement of a project that will have a significant impact on the growth and development in Elgin," said Tom Mattis, Elgin City Manager. "And its clearly a bonus to have a development partner with such high-standing in the community as Seton."

Seton's innovative commitment

The most unique attribute to this agreement is a commitment by Seton to expand and grow its Elgin complex in response to future population growth. Seton has agreed to add new clinical services and/or construct new facilities as Elgin's population reaches certain thresholds:

- 20,000 residents - A study of regional demand and projected growth will be conducted, and specialists will be added to the clinic as warranted.
- 30,000 residents - A study of demand/growth/sustainability will be conducted and, if warranted, Seton will offer emergency services on a 24 hour/7 day a week basis.

- 50,000 residents - A study of demand/growth will be conducted and, if the results support the need and a sustainable forecast, construction on an inpatient micro-hospital will commence.

Micro-hospitals are fully licensed facilities that are considered “micro” because the care they provide is more substantial than an outpatient facility but does not include the full complement of acute inpatient services.

Elgin’s economic development leadership

The agreement also provides that the City will recoup the cost of the land provided to Seton from future sales tax revenues, after which Seton will share certain future sales tax revenue from the project for a defined period. There are no property tax abatements associated with this agreement.

“Elgin is becoming a leader in designing performance-based incentives that are both attractive to the developers and respectful of our tax dollars,” said Elgin Director of Economic Development Owen Rock.

This agreement with the Seton Family of Hospitals represents what is believed to be the largest development partnership project in the City’s history and will add not only much-needed healthcare services, but further support the community’s general economic growth.

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About Elgin

The City of Elgin is a historic, full-service city that is currently home to approximately 10,000 residents located in northern Bastrop County. Elgin has been designated by the Texas Legislature as “The Sausage Capital of Texas” and is an important stop on the US Hwy290 corridor between Austin and Houston. For more information about Elgin, please visit www.ci.elgin.tx.us.

About Ascension Texas

In Texas, Ascension operates Providence Healthcare Network and Seton Healthcare Family, which includes Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas and 120 related clinical facilities that together employ more than 13,000 employees. Across Texas, Ascension provided \$467 million in community benefit and charity care in fiscal year 2016. Serving Texas for 115 years, Ascension is a faith-based health care organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension is the largest nonprofit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system, operating 2,500 sites of care – including 141 hospitals and more than 30 senior living facilities – in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Visit www.seton.net and www.providence.net.