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Henry Ford Health, Presbyterian Villages to create nonprofit to develop senior centers

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Detroit-based **Henry Ford Health System** and **Presbyterian Villages of Michigan** in Southfield have signed a joint venture to create a separate nonprofit organization, the **Center for Senior Independence**, to manage and develop senior centers.

Under the venture, Presbyterian Villages paid \$2 million to purchase a 45 percent interest in the center, which previously was owned and operated by Henry Ford.

The center provides a comprehensive array of health, medical and long-term care and support services to frail seniors in Southeast Michigan. It is at **Henry Ford Medical Center-Detroit Northwest** at Outer Drive and Southfield Road.

Through Presbyterian Villages' partnership with Henry Ford Health, the center's membership "will increase during the next four years to nearly 1,000 seniors," Roger Myers, CEO of Presbyterian Villages, said in a statement.

"This is substantial growth from the 230 patients currently enrolled in the program," Myers said. "It means a bigger impact on the community, enhancing the quality of life for many more people."

Presbyterian Villages operates 25 senior living communities with more than 3,500 seniors. The facilities include continuing care retirement communities, subsidized senior housing and market-rate senior housing.

The center is modeled after the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. More than 20,000 people are enrolled in 88 programs in 30 states.

A second, 26,000-square-foot location is under construction as part of the new Rivertown Neighborhood development east of **Stroh Riverplace** and near the **Detroit Riverwalk**.

The \$4 million facility is expected to open early next year and serve 300 seniors.

Plans call for a third location to be developed near the border of southern Macomb and Oakland counties, officials said.

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