

## Health Center Closer To Construction Of New Facility

It may only be a matter of weeks before construction begins on a new Siouxland Community Health Center in Sioux City.

The current clinic is located on Nebraska Street.

Officials aren't disclosing the exact location of the new facility. But, they say it will be in the same vicinity as the current building.

The Health Center will borrow \$7 million worth of bonds to pay for the project.

On Tuesday morning, the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors signed off on the clinic's request.

The center will pay back the loan... meaning funding won't from the county or taxpayer dollars.

Officials say the upgrade is needed because they're simply running out of room.

Michelle Stephan, Siouxland Community Health Center, says "Come to our lobby any day and you'll see that there's numerous patients that need to be served and our numbers continue to grow year after year after year. And we need to expand our services and our dental department needs to expand and its not capable of doing that at this time."

Stephan also says the number of H.I.V. and behavioral health patients is also on the rise.

The new building would allow the Health Center to add primary care providers.

As far as specifics, including the design, officials are staying tight-lipped. They'll hold a press conference on Thursday morning, April 4th.

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