



## **Sanford Children's Clinic Duncan Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q: Why is Sanford Health out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota building a clinic in Duncan, Oklahoma?**

**A:** In February 2007, South Dakota businessman Denny Sanford set a standard in healthcare philanthropy with an unprecedented gift of \$400 million to Sanford Health. As part of the transformational announcement, Sanford Health announced it will use the \$400 million to fund several initiatives. One of those initiatives involves establishing a network of Sanford Children's Clinics around the world in rural and urban communities seeking to improve pediatric care.

**Q: How is Duncan Regional Hospital connected to Sanford Children's?**

**A:** Duncan Regional Hospital submitted a proposal to Sanford Health to work together to build a Sanford Children's Clinic on its campus in Duncan. After on-going communications and multi-directional site visits, the organizations made an agreement to pursue the development of a Sanford Children's Clinic in Duncan.

**Q: Where will the clinic be built?**

**A:** The facility will be built on the northwest corner of the existing Duncan Regional Hospital campus.

**Q: When will the clinic open?**

**A:** Under existing plans, the clinic's doors are expected to be open by the summer of 2009.

**Q: Who will staff the clinic?**

**A:** Sanford Children's Clinic will have at least two pediatricians with appropriately sized medical, technical and administrative staff.

**Q: What services will be available in the clinic?**

**A:** General pediatricians specialize in dealing with the care of infants and children and the treatment of their diseases. Sanford Children's Clinic will provide comprehensive pediatric care for the region.

**Q: Will there be a cost for those services?**

**A:** The Sanford Children's Clinic in Duncan will be associated with the Sanford Clinic, a not-for-profit entity. Services will be billed according to Oklahoma and federal guidelines for such organizations. As with all Sanford Health healthcare delivery services, no patient will be denied service based upon the ability to pay.

**Q: Who can see physicians or other providers at this clinic?**

**A:** Children ages birth to 18 will be the primary make-up of the patient population.

**Q: Will patients be seen in Duncan, Oklahoma or in South Dakota?**

**A:** Sanford Health believes care is best provided close to home. Patients will be seen and treated by providers in the new Sanford Children's Clinic in Duncan. Sanford Children's providers will work closely with physicians and staff at Duncan Regional Hospital and other regional pediatric organizations to keep care close to home. In addition, physicians in the new clinic will be closely connected to the exceptional team of pediatric physicians at Sanford Children's who are specially trained in a wide variety of pediatric subspecialties.

**Q: Who is paying for this clinic?**

**A:** As part of the agreement, the Duncan Regional Hospital Board of Trustees has made the decision to provide four acres of land on its existing campus for the development of the new Sanford Children's Clinic. Sanford Health will pay for the facility and staff development as well as the on-going operations of the clinic.

**Q: Who is Sanford Health?**

**A:** Sanford Health's comprehensive, integrated system includes nearly 370 physicians in 115 clinics, 23 hospitals, 13 nursing homes, 17 assisted living facilities and congregate living locations, 27 home health services and 19 pharmacies. With approximately 12,000 employees, Sanford Health is the largest employer in its region. Its primary 500-bed nonprofit tertiary care hospital in Sioux Falls, SD, serves an average of more than 30,000 inpatients annually. With more than a million outpatient visits each year, Sanford Health has served the 80,000 square mile, four-state region of South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska for over 110 years. Sanford Health is the largest healthcare system between Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, and Denver, CO. Its divisions include Sanford USD Medical Center, Sanford Clinic, Sanford Health Network, Sanford Health Plan and Sanford Health Foundation.