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## Multimillion-dollar medical center to give Cibolo big stake in area's pediatric boom

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San Antonio providers already engaged in a highly competitive pediatric health care industry will have to deal with another player looking to expand its presence in the region.

The South Texas Center for Pediatric Care, which is based in San Antonio and operates a handful of medical facilities in the Alamo City, will be one of the primary anchors of a multistory medical office development in nearby Cibolo.



A rendering shows the proposed Cibolo Medical Office Building.

STCPC will offer primary care services in the 45,000-

square-foot structure, which is nearing completion. The plan is for STCPC to share space with multiple physicians practices and a pharmacy that will occupy the first two floors in the building. The third floor will be leased to additional medical-related tenants.

"South Texas Center for Pediatric Care will be the core tenant," said Dr. <u>Dianna Burns</u>, owner and co-founder of STCPC.

Burns said the organization is negotiating with an operator of multiple free-standing emergency centers about opening a facility in the Cibolo building.

"It's someone who is very well established," she said.

One of the factors that drew the attention of Burns and STCPC is the significant population increase in and around Cibolo, which is boosting demand for care.

"Our practice was looking for an area to expand outside of where we were," Burns said. "We looked at Cibolo. The growth in that community has been amazing."

The fact that much of the growth in Cibolo has been driven by an influx of youth was not lost on STCPC.

"We looked at the demographics and payer mix," Burns said. "Plus it didn't have a lot of the services we are adding."

The shell of the building could be completed in the next 30 days. STCPC expects to begin operations at the site by March.

Alamo Health Partners will own the new structure, which has tentatively been named the Cibolo Medical Office Building. Burns, who is a partner in the Alamo group, said she has been intimately involved in the development of the building.

She left the door open for additional STCPC expansion but said the full focus right now is on finishing this project.

"We need to take a deep breath," she said.

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