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HEALTH CARE

New facility in Brevard will be the place for seniors

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A new company is building a facility in Brevard County to house a wide range of services for senior citizens.

One Senior Place LLC is to break ground this week on an 18,000-square-foot facility in Viera.

The company said the building will incorporate "the best features of an . . . office building, a senior resource library and themed 'elder services only' shopping mall."

The Melbourne-based company said the center — also called One Senior Place — will lease space to businesses such as home-care agencies, physical therapists, medical-equipment suppliers, elder-care managers, elder-law attorneys, senior financial planners, and travel agents.

One Senior Place also will include conference and meeting facilities, a cafe and a resource library with Internet access, the company said.

Air-care team is 20

Orlando Regional Medical Center celebrated the 20th anniversary of its air-care team. The team serves the hospital and its Level 1 trauma center, responding to emergencies by helicopter.

The air-care team, which flies an average of 80 missions a month, has transported more than 17,000 patients over two decades. More than two-thirds of the missions involve trauma cases resulting from accidents such as motor-vehicle crashes, construction injuries and falls. The team also provides transport for critically ill patients.

Expanded ER opens

Florida Hospital Winter Park opened its newly expanded emergency room. The expansion doubles the number of beds to 34, and includes private patient rooms rather than beds separated by partitions or curtains.

The new emergency room includes

UNINSURED FLORIDIANS

By race and ethnicity, under age 65

Race/ethnicity	% uninsured
Hispanics	31.8%
Blacks	22.6%
White non-Hispanics	14.3%
Other*	19.0%

*Native American, Asian, mixed-race residents, etc.

Source: Agency for Health Care Administration.

an Express Care unit that the hospital said will allow patients with minor injuries to be treated in less than two hours.

Last year, Florida Hospital Winter Park's emergency room treated more than 35,000 patients.

Detecting heart disease

Lake Cardiology in Mount Dora said it is the first medical facility in Central Florida and the third in the state to offer a new technology to detect heart disease. The technology, a

CT-slice configuration scanner, takes about 2,000 images of a heart to help detect blockages of coronary arteries without the use of invasive catheterization.

Health-care help

Humana Inc. said it is offering new health-insurance plans for employees of small businesses. The SmartExpress plans require employers to deposit money in tax-deferred funds. Employees who meet their deductibles can then access the funds with a special charge card. If employees use the entire amount, a conventional preferred-provider organization is activated to provide coverage for emergency hospitalizations and services.

The number of small employers offering health coverage fell from 68 percent to 63 percent between 2000 and 2003, according to a recent study by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

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