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Urgent care center seen as boon to area's health, economy

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The Delray Medical Center and [West Boca](#) Medical Center have teamed up to break ground on the [West Boynton](#) Urgent Care and Diagnostic Imaging Center.

The two-story, 20,000-square-foot medical office building will include a first-floor urgent care center with dedicated pediatric exam rooms, waiting rooms and full diagnostic imaging. The second floor will house both primary care physicians and specialists.

Located at the corner of Lyons Road and [Boynton Beach](#) Boulevard in the Canyon Town Center of West [Boynton Beach](#), the center is scheduled to open in early 2012.

Ken Lassiter, president of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations, said the center will benefit the area in a number of ways.

"This will bring jobs to the area and will be a convenience for the residents of West [Boynton Beach](#)," he said. "A great number of people in [West Boynton](#) travel to Delray Medical Center and [West Boca](#) Medical Center."

Delray Medical Center's chief executive officer, Mark Bryan, cited the area's growth, noting that the center will be "a friendly, accessible, easy solution to our patients' needs."

[Palm Beach County](#) Commissioner Burt Aaronson attended the groundbreaking and hailed the project as "a great prospect for jobs." Aaronson also praised the collaborative efforts of the [West Boca](#) Community Council, the Alliance of Delray Residential Associations and the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations, which helped move the project forward.

"I'm the only [Palm Beach County](#) commissioner who doesn't have a municipality," he said. "Those three community organizations are the South County Partnership. They're like mayors of the western communities."

Alliance president Bob Schulbaum called the new plan "the future of medicine in the area."

Some of the alliance's directors are part of the Delray Medical Center's Advisory Board. Lori Vinikoor, the alliance's vice president of special projects, said residents will benefit from the center's medical outreach. "It's a great thing for our alliance community," she said. "It's a hop, skip and a jump from our communities."

The new development is located in [Palm Beach County](#)'s Ag Reserve, a 21,000-acre site that also hosts the Canyon Town Center, a large retail complex featuring a Publix and Walgreens, as well as banks and restaurants.

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