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## **Hartford HealthCare health center to open in September Facility includes new services, represents investment in community**

**SOUTHINGTON** – The Hartford HealthCare Family Health Center on Queen Street is expected to open its doors in September 2017, offering a wide range of new and expanded services to the community, as well as economic benefits.

The center, modeled after many highly successful Hartford HealthCare (HHC) family health centers across the state, will provide these new programs:

- Neurology services that will encompass specialty care for stroke, epilepsy, neurosurgery, EEG's and EMG's
- Offices for specialty services that include general surgery to podiatry, bariatric surgery and vascular
- A community health education room.

In addition, the center will expand on services already offered at HHC locations in Southington, providing a multi-site model with complimentary services and convenient access to care. They include:

- Enhanced access to primary and geriatric care.
- Integration of primary care with behavioral health services. Many patients have a combination of physical and mental health issues and offering these services together is more convenient for patients.
- Endocrinology and medical weight loss programs.
- Rehabilitation/physical therapy with a specialized sports medicine program.
- Cardiology services including diagnostics.
- An additional Center for Healthy Aging, providing another access point for older adults.

"Hartford HealthCare has been an active and integral member of the Southington community for many years, and we are continually looking for ways to enhance services that are in the best interest of patients and the town," said Lucille Janatka, President of HHC's Central Region, which includes MidState Medical Center, the Hospital of Central Connecticut and other locations in Southington and surrounding towns. "We believe this family health center is one way to do that – it is an investment in the future of Southington, Hartford HealthCare and our patients."

The \$5.9 million Queen Street project is expected to create opportunities for more doctors, more investment, more medical services and provide greater access to high quality health services. The

48,000-square-foot, three-story facility is expected to generate \$400,000 in new taxes for the town, 50 new jobs and spinoff business for local merchants.

"This investment confirms our dedication to Southington," Janatka said. "A project of this size and scope is rare in the current economic environment. But it's also a reflection of how healthcare is changing — fewer people are requiring hospitalization, and more people are seeking care outside the traditional inpatient setting. This is our way of meeting today's healthcare demands, while at the same time positioning ourselves for tomorrow's needs."

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