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Good morning:

I just read an article (subject listed above) regarding opening two proposed specialty hospitals in St. Paul and Roseville, MN.

Nobis Rehabilitation Partners has asked to build a new free-standing 60-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Roseville. The hospital would focus on providing intensive rehabilitation services — such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy — to those requiring these services long-term.

Question: Where in Roseville would this be located?

Meanwhile, Regency Hospital is seeking to open a second campus of its Golden Valley long-term acute care hospital to be located at the Regions Hospital Campus in St. Paul. The proposal would relocate 26 hospital beds from Golden Valley to St. Paul but would not increase Regency Hospital's total number of licensed beds.

Question: Where in Regions Hospital where would this be? Regions Hospital is already at its FULL capacity. Plus there are situations when patients are waiting in the ER to be admitted, they remain in the ER for many hours or even days waiting for a bed. So does this really make sense??

And, I also see mention about pay status...so this sounds like these facilities would be ONLY for those who have GREAT insurance and income, NOT for people on low or/and fixed incomes. To me, this is discrimnatory.

Plus, EVERY hospital and medical facility are already facing a HUGE staffing concern...every hospital and medical facility is already excessively short on staffing already causing lacking services to us all.

So adding these two hospitals to me, makes NO sense.

I would like to ask where will my comment here go, will anyone actually even read it? Please!!! Be honest.

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