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## Henry Ford teams with Presbyterian Villages for senior health complex

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Henry Ford Health System said Wednesday that it has partnered with Presbyterian Villages of Michigan on a joint venture to operate the Center for Senior Independence, which formerly was solely a Henry Ford program.

The center, which provides several health, medical and long-term care services for seniors in Southeast Michigan to allow them to remain independent, now is a separate nonprofit organization. Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, a Southfield-based nonprofit with 25 senior living communities, bought a 45 percent interest, according to a news release.

"Through PVM's partnership with Henry Ford, CSI membership will increase during the next four years to nearly 1,000 seniors," Roger L. Myers, president and CEO of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, said in a statement. "This is substantial growth from the 230 patients currently enrolled in the program. It means a bigger impact on the community, enhancing the quality of life for many more people."

Center for Senior Independence is housed in Henry Ford Medical Center-Detroit Northwest at Outer Drive and Southfield Road. A new location is under construction as part of the Rivertown Neighborhood development. That center is expected to open in a year and serve 300 seniors, according to a news release. A third location also is planned near the border of southern Macomb and Oakland counties.

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