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## **Outpatient Entrance to be moved at Halifax Regional *Registration will be held in Business Office for two weeks.***

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (January 13, 2012)—Outpatients will use the main entrance of Halifax Regional for the next two weeks as construction continues on the modernization and expansion project at the Medical Center.**

The current outpatient entrance, located adjacent to the Emergency Care Center, will be closed Tuesday for two weeks while the finishing touches are put on the new outpatient registration area.

For the convenience of those walking from the parking lot to the main entrance, a temporary pathway has been developed, said Barbara Moore, RN, project manager. “In addition, the courtesy shuttle is available for patients who need a ride, and temporary signs will be erected to guide patients and their families,” she added.

Outpatients should enter through the lobby to register in the business office of the Medical Center while the outpatient entrance is closed. “With the additional traffic in the lobby area, we ask visitors to comply with our visiting hours, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.,” said Moore.

There is no change for patients going to the Emergency Care Center.

The expanded parking lot with approximately 50 additional spaces is scheduled to be completed by the first of March. That lot will be restricted to outpatients and individuals and families using the Emergency Care Center.

Outpatients should begin using the new entrance about the first of February, Moore says.

The new reception area for patients needing lab tests is scheduled to be ready by the middle of February.

“Overall, the project is on schedule,” Moore said. “The weather has cooperated, and we are eager to complete the parking lot and move the construction inside the Medical Center.”

The project involves constructing or renovating more than 15,000 square feet at an estimated cost of \$6.5 million.

“Our focus is centered on comfort, convenience, privacy and safety for our patients,” she added. “This investment will make a huge difference for our patients.”

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