

Milestones Pediatric Care plots expansion to meet demand

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Dr. Aaron Henley in one of the examination rooms at Milestones Pediatric Care in Tulsa. (Photo by Rip Stell)

TULSA – Milestones Pediatric Care hopes to break ground in November for the first of three urgent care centers planned for the Tulsa area.

Working from designs by CJC Architects of Tulsa, general contractor Flintco will raise the \$1.5 million, 4,826-square-foot building just off the northwest corner of 41st Street and U.S. Highway 169.

Milestones founder Dr. Aaron Henley hopes to move his four-and-a-half-member staff into its new home by May.

“The new building is actually just across the parking lot” from Milestones’ 1,000-square-foot temporary office at 3845 S. 103rd East Ave., Henley said Tuesday. “I had my eye on that lot and decided to make a move into a temporary office until

we got everything settled.”

The expanded office will allow Henley to add day and evening urgent pediatric care services seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. His current office operates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Henley projects doubling his staff to 10 members to handle that extra workload, adding a pediatric urgent care physician and a nurse practitioner.

“I would expect the urgent care piece to maybe double our revenue,” the seven-year industry veteran said. “The additional space will help us accommodate more patients and provide more services. We’ll have radiology in-house, a lab in-house.”

With only one other pediatric urgent care clinic in Tulsa, Henley anticipates strong demand.

“There’s a huge need in urgent care for pediatrics,” he said, noting a patient’s only alternative often is the local hospital emergency room. “I think health care weathers the economy for the most part fairly well.”

He holds few worries over the future impact of President Barack Obama’s industry reform efforts.

“Health care reform is in such flux, it’s difficult for any physician to see what’s happening,” he said. “So far I’ve seen very little impact in my practice. For children, I think most of the changes that have happened have been positive.”

That supports his goal of three urgent pediatric care centers.

“I have no time frame, really,” said Henley, who attended Oklahoma Christian University and the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. “I would say over the next six to seven years.”

