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500+ jobs headed for proposed East End medical complex

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DEARBORN - If all goes according to plan, a branch of the Oakwood Healthcare System will occupy what was once Montgomery Ward at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Schaefer Road in East Dearborn.

When the company takes over the site, 305 current employees — in the areas of administration, physicians, accounting & finance, billing and claims, therapy, nurses, laboratory, radiology and imaging and clerical — will come to the site from an existing location.

The move will be a step up from a 35,000 square-foot facility, according to President of Oakwood Enterprises John Keuten, to a 160,000 square-foot medical office building with ground floor retail capabilities.

More than 180 new jobs will be created through the move, in areas such as dental, vision, dialysis, oncology and the expansion of urgent care will also play a role.

Twenty-eight more positions will be created through the 95-unit American House senior living facility and there will also be a number of jobs created to fill retail and office space, but that number is unknown, according to Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly.