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Work begins on \$17.5M urgent care center in Malta

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Courtesy Saratoga Hospital
A rendering of the urgent care center being built in Malta, New York.

Albany Medical Center and **Saratoga Hospital** have broken ground on a \$17.5 million urgent care center in Malta, New York.

The 60,000 square-foot, two-story building is the first project in the Saratoga Medical Park at Malta. Saratoga Hospital owns the 140-acre parcel off Northway Exit 11.

The center will be operated by Healthcare Partners of Saratoga LTD, a joint venture between the two hospitals. It will include an emergent care center that will be open 24 hours a day, with full medical imaging and laboratory services. The second floor will be home to medical offices for primary care and specialty physicians from both hospitals.

The \$17.5 million price tag includes both construction and medical equipment.

Columbia Development of Albany, N.Y., is the developer for the project, while its affiliate, **BBL Medical Facilities**, is acting as general contractor. HCP Architects of Albany designed the facility, and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work will be overseen by Plumb Excel Group Engineering of Menands. The Saratoga Springs-based **LA Group** is the civil engineer, and also designed the roadwork along with Environmental Design Partnership of Clifton Park. Jersen Construction of Waterford is the general contractor for the roadwork.

The Saratoga Medical Park will be minutes away from the **Luther Forest Technology Campus** and the \$4.6 billion **GlobalFoundries** chip fabrication plant in Malta. The

population growth expected to result from the 2013 opening of GlobalFoundries also has drawn other hospitals to the area. In September, Schenectady-based Ellis Medicine broke ground on a \$3 million enhanced urgent care center in Clifton Park, and St. Peter's Health Partners, of Albany, is in the early stages of developing a medical campus in Halfmoon. Ellis is working with **Galesi Group**, of Schenectady, and Columbia Development, and St. Peter's is working with Boni Enterprises of Clifton Park.

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