

# 'Triumph' for medicine

## Long-term care facility now boasts 72 beds

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Workers have been finishing major improvements at Triumph Hospital in Amarillo since the health-care provider bought its building more than nine months ago.

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- Kay Peck, chief executive of Triumph Hospital

As of this month, that work is finished.

"We're completely finished at this point," said Kay Peck, chief executive of the long-term stay hospital in Amarillo. "Everything is up and going."

Triumph moved to the 65,000-square-foot hospital at 7501 Wallace Blvd. in late December after vacating its old building at 2828 S.W. 27th Ave.

The Wallace Boulevard hospital was built for the now-defunct High Plains Hospital, a physical rehab and psychiatric hospital that had trouble getting off the ground.

Triumph bought the Wallace building for \$16 million late last year because it would be cheaper than constructing its own, but the company had to renovate the building to meet its growing needs.

Triumph specializes in long-term stay patients, those whose average stay is 25 days compared to five to seven for general hospitals.

Officials said earlier they aim to invest \$20 million in equipment and renovations to upgrade the facility.

"I can tell you this building is far superior," Peck said.

"This is, by far, one of the nicest buildings, physical spaces that I've had to work in."

Additions include a new seven-bed intensive-care unit, a CAT-scan machine, a four-bay dialysis room and a relocated pharmacy.

"The actual rehab gym was what we turned into our ICU," said Peck, who took over as full-time CEO nearly five months ago.

"We had to cut windows in each of the patient rooms to make it compliant."

The east side of the building was turned into a radiology unit.

"We had to send a lot of procedures out, which is difficult for some patients," Peck said.

Triumph operated with fewer beds until March while it waited for medical gases such as oxygen to be added to each bed on the second floor, which was built for a psychiatric unit. It now operates at a capacity of 72 beds.

"Now, we have predominantly private rooms," Peck said.

Triumph rented its old building on 27th Avenue. The Potter-Randall Appraisal District listed AHP of Texas as the building's owner.

The building is for sale and valued at \$1.1 million by PRAD.

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