

# Memorial Health Care System

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## *Memorial Plans North Park Expansion, Modernization*

Hixson, TN – To accommodate the growing population in North Hamilton County, Memorial Health Care System is planning an \$17.5 million expansion of Memorial North Park Hospital.

“The North Park Hospital complex was built in 1982 and is in need of a renovation and expansion,” said Deb Moore, senior vice president at Memorial and administrator at Memorial North Park Hospital. “Hixson and North Hamilton County has grown drastically over the past 30 years, and this project will help us meet the growing needs of our community.”

The almost 33,000-square-foot expansion plan will include modernizing and expanding the Intensive Care Unit from 8 to 10 beds as well as modernizing and expanding the Endoscopy Unit from 2 to 3 labs. The project also includes modernizing and expanding the Emergency Department at North Park from 13 to 17 beds.

Memorial has submitted a Notice of Intent to the Health Services and Development Agency and is scheduled for a hearing July 27. A Notice of Intent and a hearing before the agency is required for any project in excess of \$5 million.

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