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Elkins Rehabilitation Care Center Expanding

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ELKINS - Elkins Rehabilitation and Care Center will soon expand and offer more services.

ERCC plans to add on 15 private bed units for rehab patients who come for a short stay, whether it's a knee or hip replacement, the center will now be able to do that in addition to the other services it provides.

Also in that new unit will be a state of the art rehab gym, Internet cafe, and juice bar.

ERCC Administrator Denise Campbell said renovations there will also include a unit to handle residents who have Dementia.

"So we really want to try and be sure to offer the residents in this area, the services they would receive some place else in the state, because we are the only skilled rehabilitation care center in Randolph County, and this building that we are in now will soon be 20 years old, and we know the population and their expectations have changed," said Campbell.

The Dementia unit renovations will have its own dining area and activity room.

The Randolph County Commission approved its building commission's recommendation to have ERCC be issued facility revenue bonds worth \$2.5 million.

"It's going to be great for Randolph County to have those added rooms there. Because I know the convalescent center stays busy, and they just felt they wanted to expand," said commission president Chris See.

Campbell said the trend is leaning towards private beds.

"So we know we can add the amount of beds here. So by us creating 15 private rooms then our main facility then we will come into the main facility that will help us to be able to have almost 50 percent of our rooms private," Campbell said.

Groundbreaking on the new wing will begin May 15.

Its expected to be finished this October.

