



Sanford Children's Clinic Belize Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Why is Sanford Health from Sioux Falls, South Dakota building a clinic in Belize City, Belize?

A: In February 2007, South Dakota businessman and philanthropist Denny Sanford set a standard in healthcare philanthropy with an unprecedented gift of \$400 million to Sanford Health. As part of the transformational announcement, Sanford Health announced that gift to fund several initiatives. One of those initiatives involved establishing a network of Sanford Children's Clinics around the world in rural and urban communities seeking to improve pediatric care.

Q: Who are the stakeholders who make this clinic possible?

A: Sanford Children's Clinic Belize will work collaboratively with a number of organizations to assist in development and on-going operations. These organizations include the Belize Healthcare Charitable Trust (BHCT), the Belize Natural Energy Charitable Trust, Belize Healthcare Partners Limited and the Government of Belize; as well as a variety of other individuals and organizations.

Q: How did discussions with Belize develop?

A: Sanford Health received inquiries from organizations in Belize and made two visits to Belize to investigate the possibility of a clinic in the community. Immediately, Sanford Health leaders recognized the need for pediatric care in this region. Thanks to generous support from entities in Belize, Sanford Children's Clinic Belize will soon expand healthcare to children in this area.

Q: What are the details of the clinic?

A: Belize Healthcare Partners Limited, which is a hospital in Belize City, has offered a gift of land as a potential clinic site. The clinic will offer general pediatric services as well as develop specialty pediatric services as appropriate. Sanford Children's Clinic Belize will follow design characteristics of other Sanford Children's facilities and is expected to open in 2011.

Q: How will this clinic be connected to Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD?

A: Sanford Health believes that care is best provided close to home. Patients will be seen and treated by providers in the new Sanford Children's Clinic Belize. Sanford Children's providers will work closely with clinic physicians and staff as well as other regional pediatric organizations. In addition, physicians in the new clinic will be closely connected to the exceptional team of pediatric physicians at Sanford Children's who are specially trained in a wide variety of pediatric subspecialties.

Q: Will there be a cost for those services?

A: The Sanford Children's Clinic Belize will be associated with the Sanford Clinic, a not-for-profit facility. Services will be billed according Belizean guidelines for such organizations. As with all Sanford Health healthcare delivery services, no patient will be denied service based upon the ability to pay.

Q: Who can see physicians or other providers at this clinic?

A: Children ages birth to 18 will be the primary make-up of the patient population.

Q: Who is Sanford Health?

A: Based in Sioux Falls, SD, Sanford Health's comprehensive, integrated system includes nearly 440 providers in 128 clinic and satellite clinics. It also includes 23 hospitals, 12 nursing homes, 18 assisted living facilities and congregate living locations, 27 home health services and 19 pharmacies. With more than 10,000 employees, Sanford Health is the largest employer in the region. Its primary, 500-bed nonprofit tertiary care hospital in Sioux Falls, SD, serves an average of more than 50,000 inpatients annually. With more than 1.25 million outpatient visits each year, Sanford Health has served the 80,000 square mile, five-state region of South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and North Dakota for more than 110 years. Sanford Health is the largest healthcare system between Denver, CO and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Its divisions include Sanford USD Medical Center, Sanford Clinic, Sanford Health Network, Sanford Health Plan and Sanford Health Foundation. For more information, visit www.sanfordhealth.org.