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**MODERNIZATION OF EXCELA LATROBE HOSPITAL CONTINUES**

**LATROBE, PA, March 18, 2018** ... Excelsa Health continues its commitment to the Latrobe community through the ongoing modernization of the Excelsa Latrobe Hospital campus. More than \$2 million is earmarked for improvements to patient care and visitor and employee parking on the campus. These improvements are all expected to be completed by late summer or early fall and follow on the heels of the \$40 million investment to create Excelsa Square at Latrobe which opened in January.

Key to that project was support from Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation, which is also supporting the remodeling of hospital inpatient care units. The hospital's 5<sup>th</sup> Floor was updated last fall. A facelift to the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor will begin in the next few weeks. Fresh paint and floor treatments along with a renovated nurses station and treatment areas are among the cosmetic improvements planned.

While work is occurring inside, construction crews will be busy outside developing staff and visitor parking through the expansion of existing lots along Second Avenue and the demolition of the hospital parking garage. Over the next six months, the building which housed Women's Care Services will be removed as will the parking garage and new open air parking lots created. A lot near the Choice Gas Station on East Second Avenue will also be expanded. A total of 120 parking spaces will be created as a result.

The bid process is under way for all of the parking improvements. The new lots on the site of Women's Care Service and the East End should be ready by mid-June when garage demolition will begin. In the meantime, the garage remains closed in the interest of safety.

"We are excited about these projects and the continued growth of patient services at Excelsa Latrobe Hospital, as our community continues to choose Excelsa

Health and Latrobe Hospital as the provider of choice for their care,” said Maryann Singley, Vice President of Patient Care Services at Excelsior Latrobe Hospital. “We are anticipating improvements to our outpatient Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services and the addition of other outpatient services not currently offered at this campus later this year as well.”