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**EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES OPENING OF OISHEI CHILDREN'S  
OUTPATIENT CENTER ON THE BUFFALO NIAGARA MEDICAL CAMPUS**

***\$11.5 Million in State Funding Supports the Relocation of Outpatient Clinics***

Empire State Development today announced Kaleida Health has opened seven new outpatient clinics at the Oishei Children's Outpatient Center in Buffalo. The Outpatient Center relocated from Bryant Street to 1001 Main Street and will be connected to the new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, which is currently under construction on Ellicott Street. An \$11.5 million matching grant was provided by the New York State Department of Health to support the Outpatient Center's relocation to the Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus.

"Today's opening of seven relocated outpatient clinics marks a milestone in the rebirth of New York's only stand-alone hospital for children," **said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, during a tour of the clinics.** "Witnessing this exciting launch is like watching a child take their first steps. The significant state investment in this project demonstrates Governor Cuomo's unwavering commitment to ensuring a comprehensive and user-friendly experience of the highest quality for the families of Western New York during their greatest times of need."

The seven outpatient care clinics now located in the Conventus building at 1001 Main Street, include blood draw, Craniofacial Center of WNY, EEG, neurology, dermatology, dental, and ophthalmology at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

The remaining Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo outpatient clinics will relocate in April and October 2017. The second phase of the move will take place on April 3 to transition eight additional Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo and UBMD Pediatrics outpatient clinics to the Oishei Children's Outpatient Center. This will include moving the allergy/immunology, Campus Family Pharmacy, cardiology, endocrinology/diabetes, gastroenterology, genetics, infectious diseases, and nephrology outpatient clinics. The

remaining 21 Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo outpatient clinics will follow in October 2017.

The final phase will include moving inpatient services and the hospital's emergency department in November 2017, which will complete the transition and mark the historic grand opening of the John R. Oishei Children's Hospital.

The \$270 million Oishei Children's Hospital will be an integral part of the Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus, linking with Buffalo General, the Gates Vascular Institute, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and the new University at Buffalo Medical School. With 12 floors and 185 beds, the modern facility will allow the hospital to maintain its status as one of only 43 free-standing children's hospitals in the nation – and the only one of its kind in New York State.

**Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo President Allegra Jaros said,** "Next year marks the culmination of countless hours of hard work from across the community to turn our vision of an innovative, comprehensive pediatric health care facility into reality. We look forward to continuing our 125-year legacy of securing first-class doctors, the most advanced technology and programs, groundbreaking research, dedicated and compassionate staff, and delivering the utmost attention to patient and family-centered care for our women and children in Buffalo and Western New York."

**Kaleida Health President and CEO Jody Lomeo said,** "The addition of a new, state-of-the-art children's hospital is a significant accomplishment for any city. We are proud to open the Oishei Children's Hospital in the coming year and continue our mission of bringing the best pediatric care to moms and kids of Buffalo and Western New York."

**Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky said,** "It's very exciting to see the pieces fall into place on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus as we open a center that will provide world class patient care and generate jobs for the region."

**Senator Tim Kennedy said,** "Through the opening of this Outpatient Center, we're ensuring that all of our children receive access to the best care possible in a central location equipped with world class staff and services. As both a Senator and more importantly a father, I commend Governor Cuomo, the NYS Health Department and the Oishei Children's Hospital for seeing this through, and on behalf of Western New York's families, we thank you for investing in the care and future of our youngest generations."

**Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes said,** "The new Oishei Children's Outpatient Center builds on the growth of Buffalo's Medical Campus. Today highlights a commitment to providing world class pediatric care in an accessible and user friendly environment. The Conventus building and John R. Oishei Children's Hospital will ensure that children can receive quality care in a centralized location. Prior to the opening of these outpatient clinics families had to needlessly travel to separate facilities. The \$11.5

million grant meets the needs of children receiving pediatric care and their families. I applaud Governor Cuomo and Kalieda Health on making today a reality. “

**Mayor Byron W. Brown said,** “Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo has been a critical and beloved piece of Buffalo’s medical delivery network for the past 125 years, and today’s opening of the new outpatient center of the John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital sets the stage for this institution’s next century. We are extremely fortunate to have this medical facility in our City and as part of the Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus. We all look forward to this fall’s full relocation to this state-of-the-art site.”

More information on the move can be found at [www.ChildrensIsMoving.com](http://www.ChildrensIsMoving.com).

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