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Osage Nation Breaks Ground on New Skiatook Health Clinic

Skiatook, OK – On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, the Osage Nation will break ground on a new health clinic in Skiatook. The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 10:00 am, across from the Skiatook Osage Casino, and will celebrate the enhancement and extension of health and wellness services on the Osage Nation Reservation through a brand-new 50,000-square-foot healthcare facility. This historic event is open to the public.

The new Skiatook health center will be comparable in size to the new Wahzhazhe Health Center in Pawhuska and will deliver a wide range of high-quality primary and specialty healthcare services for the thousands of Native American patients who have chosen the Osage Nation Health System as their medical home. Establishing a healthcare footprint in Skiatook is a remarkable example of the Osage Nation's commitment to expanding access to quality healthcare services. The new Skiatook health center will encapsulate a primary care hub, pharmacy, behavioral health, and imaging, along with a robust dental health program, which we know is an answered need to so many of our Native American patients and relatives.

As you enter the two-story lobby, the first floor will include primary care and registration, the imaging department, laboratory testing, storage, a clinic pharmacy, a mail-order pharmacy refill center, and a multi-purpose area for gatherings and meetings. The second floor will house a dental program double the size of Pawhuska. With this key investment in dental health, Skiatook will become our flagship dental program. The second floor will also house the Behavioral Health department, administration, and human resources, as well as a staff breakroom and a wellness center. Accommodating continued growth is a critical aspect of this new construction, so the east and south ends of the building will leave shell space for future growth and services.

Designed by Erdman, the exterior of the building will be wrapped in brick and natural stone, with custom-cast stone accents and large, beautiful windows that visually align with our new clinic in Pawhuska. This aesthetically pleasing and thoughtful design will become synonymous with the Osage Nation Health System's visual branding. The interior of the building will consist of several high-end finishes, custom wall coverings, decorative stairs, and custom millwork cabinetry throughout the public spaces. Art from local Osage and other Native artists will be incorporated throughout the first and second floors. The facility, which will be constructed by Nabholz, is projected to open in late 2027.

The new Wahzhazhe Skiatook Health Clinic will be governed by Si-Si A-Pe-Txa Board of Directors and Osage Nation Health System. Ms. Cindra Shangreau, Chairwoman of the Si-Si A-Pe-Txa Board stated, "This has been quite some time in the making. It started with a \$3.5M Small Ambulatory Grant from the Indian Health Service (I.H.S.), forming the basis for getting the project going. We appreciate everyone who stepped up and contributed to making this project a reality. Our sincerest appreciation goes out to Chief Standingbear and the Executive Branch and the Osage Nation Congress, who all together made

this moment a reality. Most of all, we thank our Osage Tribal members for their unwavering support in moving the Health System into the future, along with the dedication of our employees, our executive leadership team, and our construction and architect partners!” Consulting on this project was also provided by Connect Advisors, with project development provided by FSA Advisory Group and financing through Tulsa-based Bank of Oklahoma (BOK Financial).

About Osage Nation

Osage Nation is a strong, proud, resilient, and enduring sovereign nation as demonstrated by: A viable and sustainable economy driven by Osage Nation enterprises, with the income derived from which is responsibly reinvested and reserved for future generations. A flourishing Wahzhazhe culture, a revitalized Wahzhazhe language spoken at a basic level by a vast majority of Osage Nation members, and a unique and vibrant Wahzhazhe history taught to our children and fostered, promoted, and memorialized throughout our homelands. Conservation and responsible stewardship of natural resources are balanced with sound management practices and efficient production of the mineral estate within our established territory. Highly educated tribal members supported and promoted by the Nation at the pre-school level, continuing through the postsecondary level and beyond. Physical, mental, and spiritual vitality evident amongst our Wahzhazhe people, complemented by the ongoing development of health and wellness services. A self-determining, civically engaged society with ethically responsible government leaders who faithfully serve our Constitution and are accountable for their actions to Osage Nation members.

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