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An artist's rendering of the new Smith Village expansion in Beverly.

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Smith Village breaks ground in Beverly



Smith Village, the only a life plan community on Chicago's Southwest Side, broke ground last week on a \$22.3 modernization of its Beverly facility at 2320 W. 113th Place in Chicago.

Construction began last Thursday for the modernization of Smith Village's Johanson Wing, built in 1991, to convert double-occupancy rooms to private suites and rooms and to add a three-story, 10,204 square-foot extension to the current building that will house state-of-the-art therapy rooms on the first floor, and dining rooms on the second and third floors.

The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved Smith Village's request to decrease its current number of 100 licensed beds, mostly in semi-private rooms, to 78. This change quadruples the number of private accommodations to 66 for short-term stay rehab and skilled nursing care residents. This planned 22 percent decrease in licensed beds includes 12 shared rooms.

First opened in 1924, Smith Village is one of 19 skilled nursing care providers in Chicago to achieve an overall top-performing rating from U.S. News & World Report for 2018/19.

In 2007 and 2008, the original site was transformed with a \$68 million construction program to create the area's only continuing care retirement community. Today, Smith Village is home to 300 adults, 62 years and older, who are independent and assisted living, memory care, short-term stay and skilled nursing care residents benefiting from healthcare and lifestyle programs.