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A \$70M senior village for Olympia

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The Sante Group plans to start construction this spring on the \$70 million Village at Capital Heights senior community in Olympia.

The 19-acre site is on Capitol Mall Drive Southwest, just west of Cooper Point Road Southwest, and near Capital Mall and Capital Medical Center.

The senior campus will have 42 villas in 13 buildings plus two buildings with 85 assisted-living units, 185 independent-living residences and accommodations for 45 memory-care residents.



Villas will be a combination of duplexes and four-plexes, ranging from 1,250 to 1,480 square feet. Independent-living units will range from 600 square feet to 1,350 square feet.

A two-story wellness center will be the focal point of the community. It will be attached to a building that houses the independent-living units and will contain a bistro, theater, book store, video center, nutrition center and spa with indoor swimming pool and fitness center. Together, they will be 212,500 square feet.

Assisted-living and memory-care housing will be located in a 118,000-square-foot building that will have a salon, dining room and limited-service cafe.

Landscaping will be used to create areas of activity and intimacy. There will be pergolas, fountains and quiet areas for reflection. Destinations will be connected by walking paths.

The first phase will be the largest and is expected to open starting in late 2008. The second phase of 51 independent-living units could start in March 2008 and finish in April 2009.

Wattenbarger Architects of Bellevue is the designer and Rushforth Taylor Construction of Tacoma is the general contractor. Richard Ward of Bellevue is the landscape architect. James Knight is Wattenbarger's project manager.

The Sante Group is a subsidiary and development partner of Avamere Health Services, which owns and operates about 40 senior care facilities in Washington and Oregon.