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Long Island FQHC, a network of federally-qualified health centers in Nassau County, has filed plans with the state to build a \$10.7 million extension clinic in Hempstead.

The new location will be called Fulton Avenue Family Health Center and occupy 24,000 square feet. Its services will include primary care, dental care, outpatient psychological care, X-rays, podiatry and lab testing.

The extension clinic is meant to expand health care services for minority and underserved communities in the area. It will also relieve capacity issues at Long Island FQHC's other locations, the provider said in its certificate-of-need application to the state Public Health and Health Planning Council.

It will pay for the project with grant funding it has already received. Renovations of the site, located at 619 Fulton Ave., are expected to take one year.

Long Island FQHC, a nonprofit, runs six family health centers and three school-based health centers in Nassau County. Its administrative office is in Westbury. —M.K.