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Moriah Health Center gets May 5 date

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MINEVILLE -- The long-awaited opening of the new Moriah Health Center is now set for Monday, May 5.

The center's opening had been delayed because of a water-seepage problem in the sub-basement, but that's been repaired.

Essex County Industrial Development Agency Co-Director Jody Olcott said the old Health Center will close April 30, so equipment and files can be moved to the new location in the Moriah Business Park.

"I just spoke with Hudson Headwaters; the Health Center is a go for May 5 opening," Olcott said. "The old Health Center will be shutting down as of April 30, with the move happening (May 1 and 2), so that's good. The budget is under budget for the Health Center, surprisingly true."

The \$1.2 million cost of the new Health Center was funded entirely by grants.

Moriah Town Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava said that without help from Olcott and the IDA the new Health Center would not have been built.

"They gave us a tremendous amount of help in regards to putting the financing package together. Without the grant from National Grid to get the power into the site and so on, we would not have a new Health Center. The town, the community appreciates all that they have done to help make this a reality."

Hudson Headwaters Health Network operates the Health Center, but it is owned by the Town of Moriah. It was originally in the 1911 Republic Steel hospital building in Mineville, but about three years ago the State Department of Health said that building was failing. The Health Center then moved temporarily to the Moriah Community Building, next door to the former hospital.

Construction on the Health Center, a 5,000-square-foot building with five exam rooms, started in July 2007. The facility was originally slated to open in early March.

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