Interfaith Medical Center Plans $22M Emergency Department Expansion

Interfaith Medical Center in Crown Heights, part of One Brooklyn Health System, is seeking to expand its emergency department and relocate its psychiatry emergency department.

The state Department of Health is reviewing One Brooklyn's application, which was submitted last month. The $22.2 million project would build out three interconnected zones for clinical care, containing 29 medical emergency beds.

The project calls for building an acute adult treatment zone with two trauma beds and seven acute beds; a zone for lower acuity patients with four treatment chairs, four exam beds and chairs for awaiting results; and a zone for gynecological examination and pediatric treatment. The construction would include an imaging suite to service all zones.

To achieve the construction, the psychiatry emergency department would have to be relocated; it is now in what would be the center of the new medical emergency room. As part of its relocation, it would be revamped to feature four secure holding spaces, a behavioral health exam room and six chairs in the patient lounge.

The application noted the emergency department was last renovated more than 30 years ago. The renovation, it was further noted, would bring the facility up to the 2018 construction standard set by the state's Facilities Guidelines Institute.

The project is funded by the $664 million Kings County Transformation Grant from the Health Department in 2018 to One Brooklyn to transform Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center and Interfaith Medical Center. Of that money, $384 million had been earmarked for critical clinical and facility infrastructure improvements.

In addition, the health system received $500,000 from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to hire an architect to create furniture designs that adhere to Office of Mental Health guidelines.

Construction would take about two years, according to the application.

Interfaith Medical Center is a 287-bed institution that serves about 250,000 patients each year. One Brooklyn was formed in 2016 through the consolidation of Brookdale, Kingsbrook Jewish and Interfaith.