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## Fallon Health opens all-inclusive health care program for older adults on D'Youville Campus Summit ElderCare provides alternative to nursing home care

*Lowell, MA February 1, 2016*—Fallon Health, a Massachusetts-based, nationally recognized health care services organization, today announced the opening of its sixth Summit ElderCare® location in Massachusetts on the campus of D'Youville Life & Wellness Community in Lowell.

Summit ElderCare, a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), will serve area residents age 55 and older who are eligible for a nursing home level of care yet seek to live as independently as possible in their own homes. The program provides patient-centered, all-inclusive and coordinated health insurance, medical care and non-medical supports in one location.

"We have become the leading PACE provider in Massachusetts by helping older adults maintain their independence while supporting their caregivers. Thanks to our exciting partnership with D'Youville, we will bring our 20 years of expertise in PACE to Greater Lowell," said Richard Burke, Interim President and CEO of Fallon Health.

With more than 1,000 participants at five locations in Massachusetts—Charlton, Leominster, Springfield and two locations in Worcester—Fallon is the largest provider of PACE in New England. Under the leadership of Site Director Leanna Moran of Westford, the newly built 13,000-square-foot Summit ElderCare building in Lowell will be able to accommodate 250 participants and approximately 50 staff members.

"We welcome Fallon to D'Youville's campus as a like-minded and mission-driven organization providing another option of care to an underserved population," said Naomi Prendergast, CEO at D'Youville Life & Wellness Community. "We see Fallon's Summit ElderCare program as a complement to the array of services D'Youville offers older adults who

have complex care needs. Together, we can provide the right care for each person's unique circumstances and goals."

One of the hallmarks of Summit ElderCare is that each participant has a dedicated care team specializing in geriatrics. The team includes primary care providers (physicians and nurse practitioners), nurses, social workers, health aides, nutritionists, home health care specialists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists and transportation and rehabilitation staff. This team creates and oversees an individualized plan that provides personalized care and coordination with the participant, caregivers and all the providers delivering the needed care and services..

Summit ElderCare accepts funding through Medicare and Medicaid as well as private pay. Once enrolled, participants have no copayments, no deductibles, no coinsurance and no paperwork for approved services, including hospitalizations, medical supplies and much more. To enroll, individuals must be age 55 and older, live in the Lowell area, meet nursing-home level of care criteria and safely reside in the community.

"We invite the community to visit our Summit ElderCare facility on the beautiful D'Youville campus," said Moran. "It's a warm, friendly and safe environment and a hub of medical, social and personal care. We want people to experience the unique way we help frail older adults meet their health care needs in a way that lets them remain living in the comfort of their own homes."

For more information, visit [summiteldercare.org](http://summiteldercare.org).

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