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Gardner Mass. (June 26, 2023) - Heywood Hospital announced today that it was pausing construction on its new surgical pavilion.

Heywood Hospital is in discussions to adjust the project's legal and financial structure to better position itself for the future and for negotiation with potential strategic partners.

"Construction of the new state-of-the-art surgical platform is critically important to our community and to our health system. However, we must proceed responsibly and cautiously in light of the challenging healthcare environment in order to protect the investments made by all partners and members of our community. The stability of our healthcare system and financial viability of this project is in the best interest of our community," stated Tom Sullivan, co-CEO Heywood Healthcare.

Site work and construction of a 44,000 square foot surgical pavilion on the campus of Heywood Hospital began in the summer of 2022, as a means to expand access to surgical services and to address the aging infrastructure of Heywood's current surgical platform, which remains operational.

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About Heywood Healthcare

Heywood Healthcare is an independent, community-owned healthcare system serving north central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, comprised of Heywood Hospital, a 134-bed acute care community-owned non-profit hospital in Gardner, MA; Athol Hospital, a 25-bed not-for-profit, Critical Access Hospital in Athol, MA; Heywood Medical Group, with primary care physicians and specialists located throughout the region; and The Quabbin Retreat, a premier destination for treatment of mental health and substance use.

The organization includes nine satellite facilities in MA: Ashburnham Family Medicine in Ashburnham, Heywood Rehabilitation Center, Summit Family Medicine & Heywood Primary Care and Urgent Care in Gardner, The Winchendon Health Center & Murdock School-based Health Center in Winchendon, Tully Family Medicine and Walk-In Care and ACES Athol



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Community Elementary School Based Health Center in Athol. The organization also includes the Heywood Healthcare Charitable Foundation. For more information, visit www.heywood.org