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New Anberry Transitional Care center offers state-of-art recovery for ‘guests’

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Private guest suites, free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, spas, hair salons, dining venues and menus — all in a modern setting.

These features sound like amenities in the hospitality industry, but more and more they are being included throughout the healthcare industry, especially at short-term recovery centers.

The new Anberry Transitional Care location in Merced offers a fine example of this by combining quality services, state-of-the-art

equipment, skilled nursing, and focused rehabilitation goals so that guests — as the motto goes — can ‘get well, get healthy and get home.’

An impressive ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last week at the facility located at the corner of R and Yosemite streets. Staff members are expecting their first guests to arrive this summer after a brief licensing process.

Many residents already know the Anberry name because of the well-known center in Atwater that was established in 1986. The new location is a boom for Merced, however, represents a \$22 million investment, with a potential of adding up to 140 or more local jobs, from housekeepers, to food and beverage workers, to the full gamut of nursing professionals.

There are 72 guest suites with private and semi-private bathrooms, and room service. There’s a fully equipped therapy gym, made-to-order cuisine at four distinct dining venues, an outdoor patio, and various home and outdoor model training areas so that guests can transition back to everyday activities and life at home.

“The drive to push down the cost of healthcare means more patients are leaving the acute hospital much quicker than they used to,” CEO Don Gormly told the Times. “We are the next step down the ladder. When you walk in the door here, we are focused on when you are going home, as opposed to how long you are going to stay. We are not using a census-driven model. A successful stay here is getting you home and keeping you home. So our need for nursing expertise and more effective patient management has grown significantly. Also, patient dignity is very important to us.”

Gormly added that the new Anberry Transitional Care location is a testament to the hard work and dedication of every member of the Anberry team in Atwater who for the last 16 years have worked hard to achieve quality of care and reputation in the community.