

DaVita Rx Announces Specialty Pharmacy in Arizona

Company to open new facility in Chandler by early 2016

CHANDLER, Ariz., Sept. 8, 2015 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- [DaVita Rx](#), a full-service specialty pharmacy for patients with complex conditions, today announced plans to open a new facility in Chandler, Arizona, by early 2016. The new Arizona facility allows DaVita Rx, the nation's largest kidney care pharmacy, to further expand its reach in helping patients across the country gain access to specialty drugs and adhere to therapies.

The new 76,000-square-foot facility – **located at 485 N. Juniper Drive, Chandler, AZ** – includes 10,000 square feet dedicated to specialty medication dispensing. At full capacity, the pharmacy will have approximately 550 new employees in clinical, dispensing, customer service, insurance and specialty operations roles.

With current operations in Florida, California and Texas, DaVita Rx serves more than 135,000 patients nationwide. A study published in the [American Journal of Kidney Diseases](#) in 2013 found that dialysis patients who use DaVita Rx spend 14 percent fewer days in the hospital.

DaVita Rx's innovative approach and dedicated support throughout the patient journey includes 24/7 access to pharmacists trained in specific disease states, assistance with navigating complex insurance and financial issues, clinical intervention programs to avoid medication problems and no-cost delivery. These integrated pharmacy solutions give health care providers confidence in prescribing specialty drugs and empowers patients to adhere to therapy, leading to improved clinical outcomes.

"DaVita's selection of Chandler, Arizona to locate their new facility is excellent news and we are thrilled to welcome them to our state," said Arizona Governor Doug Ducey. "DaVita Rx will contribute to the health of the economy by creating a large number of high-wage jobs, and to the health of the community by providing pharmacy-centered care to patients with a variety of complex conditions."

"As health care moves to a more integrated, value-based model, this facility will allow us to support patients who face other complex conditions with the same high touch care that has been successful with kidney care patients," said Javier Rodriguez, CEO of DaVita Kidney Care. "Studies have clearly shown that when dialysis patients enroll in the DaVita Rx program, they witness an improvement in the overall quality of care they receive."

"Arizona is a nationwide leader in the bioscience and health care industry, and DaVita's selection of our state speaks to that strength," said Sandra Watson, President and CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority. "DaVita Rx is already a leader in providing specialized pharmacy services, and we look forward to supporting the company's continued growth and success."

"DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. is a leading, national health care company, whose focus on patient care through innovation makes them a natural fit for the growing tech base in the Greater Phoenix region," said Chris Camacho, President and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. "The work by Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and his economic development team aligns with the regional effort to bring these industries to Greater Phoenix, and we are delighted to join them in welcoming DaVita to the market."

"We are proud to welcome DaVita HealthCare Partners to Chandler," said Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny. "This announcement represents an additional Fortune 500 company with operations in our City. We are pleased to see the health care community expand here, as we know that this is a continually emerging industry with quality, sustainable jobs. Additionally, this is a target of our economic development efforts, and we believe this announcement underscores that the City is a good place to do business, with an excellent workforce. We wish DaVita continued success, particularly in this new endeavor in Chandler."

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About DaVita Rx

DaVita Rx is a full-service specialty pharmacy serving patients across the country affected by complex medical conditions. Created in 2005, DaVita Rx is the nation's largest kidney care pharmacy and an emerging provider of specialty drugs for multiple disease states, coordinating with health care providers to improve clinical outcomes. DaVita Rx makes it easier for patients to get their medications and follow their drug regimens through medication access and adherence programs, as well as services like 24-hour access to specially-trained pharmacists, clinical interventions and services that navigate insurance and

financial barriers. DaVita Rx is a wholly owned subsidiary of DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc., with operations in Texas, Florida, California and Arizona.

About DaVita HealthCare Partners

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and HealthCare Partners. DaVita Kidney Care is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. As of June 30, 2015, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,210 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 176,000 patients. The company also operated 96 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. HealthCare Partners manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Florida and Colorado in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. As of June 30, 2015 HealthCare Partners provided integrated care management for approximately 826,000 patients. For more information, please visit DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com.

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