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Saturday, July 23, 2011

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BALDWIN — Family Health Care of Baldwin will use \$477,500 in federal grant money to build an expanded health center at Baldwin Community School.

The agency currently operates a 700-square-foot health center at the school and Kathy Sather, chief executive officer for the agency, said it plans to build a new 2,000-square-foot facility there that will also link Baldwin's school buildings.

"We have a small one there now and this will replace it and be more efficient," she said. "It's really small and hard for us to get all the children in."

Sather said the agency will also add new services — dental and optometry — and expand primary health care.

"We're doing all our planning and getting ready to get this off the ground," she added. We plan to keep the existing center open until we finish the new one in September 2012."

She expects construction will start in May 2012 and finish in September 2012.

The health center serves about 500 students, Sather said. U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow announced the grant Tuesday.

"Our students need to be healthy in order to learn and succeed in school," Stabenow stated. "For many children, school-based health centers serve as the family doctor for their basic medical needs. That's why I authored this initiative to support these health centers so our children can receive the care they need and deserve. I congratulate these facilities for standing out in this competition and striving to make our schools healthier."

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