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## Elica Health Centers taking over local Health For All locations

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Elica Health Centers is expanding further in the Sacramento area after taking over the locations of three clinics from the nonprofit Health For All, which is closing its doors.

Elica CEO Elizabeth Cassin on Tuesday told the Business Journal that her organization has already opened doors to clinics at 923 V St. in Sacramento and 5385 Franklin Blvd. near Fruitridge Road. Cassin expects her organization to move into a location at 1281 North Ave. in Del Paso Heights later this month.

At this point, Cassin said Elica is subleasing the spots, with plans to eventually set up their own leases with building owners.

The addition of the three locations expands Elica's reach to include six permanent outpatient facilities. They also have one mobile health clinic, and expect to add a second in the middle of this year.

Cassin said taking over the locations from Health For All makes sense because many of their patients share similar circumstances. They are low-income individuals, the homeless or from other high-risk and underserved communities.

"Like Health For All, we serve MediCal and uninsured people of our community. We tend to reach out to very similar populations, new immigrants especially, homeless — whoever needs care, we are there to support them," Cassin said.

Chuck Wiesen, Health For All's CEO, said his organization has been "struggling" financially for

a number of years, and they were looking for "a graceful way" to transfer patients when the decision was made to close. He said the agreement for Elica to take over its sites is "a nice fit."



Elizabeth Cassin, CEO of Elica Health Centers