

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King has released the following statement in support of the Veterans Affairs Department's decision to locate a new Veterans' Community Based Outpatient Clinic at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll, Iowa.

**"The VA has wisely chosen to locate its new VA clinic at St. Anthony Hospital. The Carroll community and the providers, administrators, and staff at St. Anthony have made significant investments in the hospital in recent years, and the veterans who will be making regular visits to the new clinic will be the beneficiaries of many of the improvements that have been made," said King.**

**"St. Anthony Hospital has served as an important anchor in the Carroll community for decades, and it makes sense for the VA to turn to it to facilitate the opening of a new clinic to better serve the many veterans who live in the area. In the past few years, I've worked with the VA to increase Fifth District veterans' access to health services through the establishment of new VA clinics in both Spirit Lake and Shenandoah. Setting up this new clinic in Carroll will make it even easier for western Iowa's veterans to get the care they were promised. It has been a privilege to be part of the process and the credit goes to St. Anthony's administration and staff. I'm pleased the VA has finally put its stamp of approval on this proposal. Congratulations to our veterans, St. Anthony's and the Carroll community. I look forward to the ribbon cutting."**

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