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# Leon Medical Centers buys former Boston Scientific compound

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**Leon Medical Centers** secured a site for a major expansion after purchasing the former **Boston Scientific** manufacturing facility in Doral on Dec. 16.

LMC Chairman [Benjamin Leon Jr.](#) said the purchase price was \$15 million. He is working with architects on a plan to extensively redevelop the building.

The Miami-based company has been rapidly expanding its health centers for Medicare beneficiaries in Miami-Dade County as it gains new members. The latest deal gives LMC a 364,000-square-foot building on 13.7 acres at 8600 N.W. 41st St.

**Holliday Fenoglio Fowler LP** – led by led by senior managing director [Hermen Rodriguez](#), director [Ike Ojala](#) and associate director [Ignacio Portuondo](#) – and Miami-based Fairchild Partners represented Boston Scientific in the deal.

Leon said the last medical center the company built cost \$125 a square foot, so buying a completed building will save it money, even after the renovation. He envisions the Doral location opening about fall 2013 to serve thousands of members and, eventually, more than

1,000 employees. There's a good possibility LMC would move its headquarters to the Doral building in 2014, as well, Leon said.

That means LMC would be making up for the nearly 1,800 jobs Boston Scientific is eliminating at that building.

"In this country everything is pointing to some type of managed care," Leon said. "It has been our goal to take our message and try to fulfill the mission of the company, not only in Miami-Dade County, but in other places. We get requests from a lot of places around the country to open a Leon Medical Center in other places, and we will. It's just a matter of time."

LMC already has seven health centers, but this would be its first in Doral. In June, it purchased 21,106 square feet of offices near its Miami location for an expansion that would eventually serve an additional 5,000 members and need 200 to 250 additional employees.

LMC has about 37,000 members.