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HEALTH CARE

Steven Sharfstein's name to adorn new Mosaic health center

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Mosaic Community Services is naming its newest health center after one of the state's biggest champions of behavioral and mental health: retiring [Sheppard Pratt](#) Health System CEO Dr. Steven Sharfstein.

The \$4 million Steven F. Sharfstein, M.D., Integrated Health Care Center combines primary care, behavioral health, mental health and substance abuse services to offer Mosaic patients a one-stop shop for health care. The 20,000-square-foot center is a first-floor renovation of Mosaic's 80,000-square-foot building at 2225 N. Charles St.

The new health center will better link Mosaic's existing behavioral and mental health services, while giving patients more access to primary care providers. Mosaic health leaders hope that by improving patient-care coordination, they can help reduce emergency department visits and hospital admissions.

The project is backed by just under \$4 million from donors including the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, [Sheppard Pratt](#) Health System, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation, France-Merrick Foundation and the state of Maryland.

Sharfstein, the health center's namesake, will in July 2016 retire from [Sheppard Pratt](#), the mental health system that he ran for 30 years. Mosaic is among [Sheppard Pratt's](#) largest affiliates. Sharfstein is a former president of the American Psychiatric Association. His son is former Maryland health secretary Dr. Joshua Sharfstein.

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