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## New Bryce Hospital dedicated in Tuscaloosa

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TUSCALOOSA, AL - Gov. Robert Bentley toured the new Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa, on the same grounds as the old Partlow Hospital.

The new Bryce Hospital has 268 patient beds, a gym, pharmacy, and almost anything else you might think a mental health hospital could need.

Bentley said he is proud of the new facility.

"Patients who have mental illness, they have special needs. And I think every room has been designed that way, every ward has been designed that way," he said.

The 500 employees from old hospital, along with the 245 current patients, will all move to the new hospital on the same day.

Including patients rooms and other facilities, the building spans over 260,000 square feet. Patients that have long- and short-term health care needs that can't be taken care of at local mental health center will come to the new hospital.

Alabama's Mental Health Commissioner, Jim Reddoch said the treatment they receive will be the same as it was at the old hospital.

"Well it's the same staff, same care and treatment modalities that were there will be here. Uh, it's just that the environment will be many times better," he said.

It took about \$81 million to build the state's leading mental health hospital.

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