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A workman was installing the water hookups for the dialysis unit at Goodland Regional Medical Center in early February. The hospital hopes to have the unit up and running by April 1. – Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

\$14,000 a piece.

The unit will start with one patient for 30 days as part of the certification process, Heape said. The hospital will pay all the expenses for that patient's treatment, she said, adding that the medical director will make the selection for that first patient.

If the unit gets certified, it will be able to start accepting patients. Heape said the hospital hopes to get going by April 1.

Heape said the unit will be able to serve a maximum of 24 patients, but that would be with a full staff working three shifts. Currently Heape and a backup nurse are the only staff. The hospital is looking to hire a technician.

There must be at least two people on duty in the unit at all times, so if there's a problem with one patient or machine, someone is available to monitor the other machines.

The unit will operate Monday, Wednesday and Friday, since most patients need treatment in four-hour sessions three days a week. Heape said eventually the hospital hopes to run it six days a week.

The room, on the west end of the hospital, used to be a sun room for patients, and has large windows facing north and west. The unit also includes several storage rooms and an isolation room. It will have its own entrance.

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New clinic a highlight in Norton

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As the Norton County Hospital approaches the end of the third quarter of its 2012 fiscal year, hospital leaders say that despite a dramatic drop in net profits over the past decade, the facility should break even on income and expenses by June.

Administrator Rich Miller said that since last spring, the facility has seen several changes, highlighted by the opening of a new medical clinic.

The clinic opened in May adjacent to the hospital. The old clinic was just off the hospital campus, but with the new clinic, all of the hospital's medical services are contained in one building.

Miller said the transition to the new clinic has been smooth and business is up.

"Our patients have better access to services and we're averaging 1,600 visitors per month

A full maternity unit is just one of the draws for Norton County Hospital. Having two full-time family care physicians on staff ensures that many patients can be treated in house instead of being sent elsewhere.

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