In July 2011, the first da Vinci robotic assisted thyroidectomy was performed in Mississippi at Biloxi Regional Medical Center. Cedar Lake Surgery Center houses the first surgical suite in the world dedicated to the performance and teaching of balloon sinuplasty™ techniques.

Health Management Associates announced plans in late 2011 to construct a $132 million medical center in the Biloxi Commerce Park. With a 2014 completion date, the 144-bed facility will offer 24-hour emergency care, intensive care, diagnostic imaging and inpatient/outpatient surgery.

Health Care

With comprehensive acute care medical facilities located throughout Biloxi, residents enjoy a wide diversity of state-of-the-art health care services. Easy access to modern medical facilities gives Biloxi a distinct advantage over similar size cities. During the past ten years, the area has experienced considerable growth in the medical services industry, including construction of multimillion dollar facilities as well as expansion of treatment options performed by physicians in all areas of specialization.

Biloxi Regional Medical Center

Located in downtown Biloxi, the Biloxi Regional Medical Center is an acute care, private hospital with 198 beds. The six story, 170,000 square foot facility has all private rooms that include private showers. Opened at its current location in 1986, BRMC offers high-quality healthcare, state-of-the-art equipment, expansive services and unique programs.

Special services include a heartburn clinic, a healing center, women's care programs, imaging, rehabilitation and psychiatric services, MAKOplasty partial knee replacement surgery, da Vinci robotic surgery, and bariatric surgery.

Cedar Lake Medical Park

Conveniently located near the I-10 and Cedar Lake Road interchange in North Biloxi, Cedar Lake Surgery Center is a privately owned, licensed and accredited outpatient surgical center. Initially established in 1977, it was the first freestanding outpatient surgery center in Mississippi. The 16,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility houses the latest in medical equipment, including the newest Instatrac sinus surgery computer system, laser technology and the most advanced arthroscopy and surgical equipment.

The facility can accommodate 23-hour stays and is designed so patients may have surgical or endoscopic procedures and return to the comfort and convenience of their homes the same day.

The medical park includes a surgery center, a medical offices building, and an open MRI. The medical offices building houses more than 50 physicians representing every medical discipline. All doctors are Board Certified and local hospital staff members.

Keesler Medical Center

Housed in nine buildings, the Keesler Medical Center consists of 900,000 square feet and has an annual operating budget of about $82 million. Keesler Medical Center is one of the largest medical facilities in the Air Force, providing quality, cost-effective healthcare for more than 27,000 enrollees, including almost 7,500 active-duty members. In addition, the 81st Medical Group Commander oversees the Gulf Coast Multi-Service Market, which includes five military medical treatment facilities from Mobile to New Orleans, coordinating care for 110,000 eligible beneficiaries along the Gulf Coast.

The Medical Center offers an estimated 60 service and education programs with a staff of more than 1,600 military and civilian members, and enjoys partnerships with Tricare, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Medical Center and Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

Completion of a $50+ million inpatient tower is projected to be complete in the fall of 2011, and a new $10 million Radiation Oncology Center began treating patients in March 2010. The hospital’s Diagnostic Imaging Department boasts the only 3-Tesla MRI system in the Air Force, and the Keesler Warfighter Refractive Surgery Center is the Air Force’s flagship for laser eye surgery in the Southeast.

The Keesler Medical Center also is a teaching facility with medical, surgical residencies and physician assistant training. The 81st MDG also provides training to dental residents.

Veterans Administration Medical Center in Biloxi

Centrally located on the south side of the Back Bay of Biloxi, the Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (VHCS) serves more than 50,000 veterans in its Mississippi, Alabama and Florida service region, providing a full range of patient care services. The Biloxi-based VHCS also provides support to readjustment counseling centers and VA National Cemeteries along the Gulf Coast.

With almost 2,000 employees, the VA Gulf Coast VHCS operates the 11th largest compensation and pension program in the nation. Several major expansion projects, estimated to cost $150 million, are in progress at the VHCS in Biloxi, with much of the work to be completed in 2011.

Health care services include dental care; mental health programs; specialty care including neurology, oncology and audiology; pharmacy services; hospital inpatient services for acute medicine, surgery and intensive care; extended care that includes nursing home care, hospice care, dementia care and adult day care.