

Villa at Morlatton gets nod for building plan

Developers of Villa at Morlatton, a retirement community in Douglassville, will be adding long-term care and doctors offices to their facility along Ben Franklin Highway.

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They appeared Monday before the Amity Township Zoning Hearing Board and received the variance needed to offer both services in one building.

The developers plan a three-story, 36,000-square-foot multipurpose medical office building on a 2-acre parcel in the complex. The top floor will house the long-term care facility and the first and second floors will be medical offices.

Doctors will care for building residents and nonresidents.

The complex opened in 2005 with 108 independent living apartments and added an assisted living section with 83 apartments in 2009. It also added 15 apartments and a community room in 2008.

"This is a logical extension for Morlatton," Morlatton representative Brian Boyer told the five-member board. "With independent living, assisted living and now long-term care, residents will be able to get the care they need as they progress and age in the same facility."

The plans already had been approved by the township planning commission and supervisors. Construction is expected to be completed by late this year.

- By Dan Andrews