

# Dominican Hospital buying Aptos acreage

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SANTA CRUZ — Dominican Hospital expects to purchase and occupy the 13-acre Poor Clares convent in Aptos and join an affiliation of hospitals called Catholic Healthcare West within the next two years.

The Poor Clares property, which is reportedly selling for about \$3.5 million, is in escrow now, although Dominican Vice-President Michael Mahoney says the hospital will

not take over the property for at least one year.

“The Poor Clares are now in the process of finding or building a new place,” Mahoney said. “They’re going to be in there for a year at least, possibly two years.”

“We’ve known for some time the property was difficult for them to maintain,” Mahoney said. “This is an opportunity for the land to stay within the Catholic family.”

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