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Hospital operator LifePoint Hospitals Inc. said Wednesday it completed its previously announced purchase of Sumner Regional Health Systems for \$145 million plus working capital.

Sumner, which will be renamed HighPoint Health System, employs more than 1,300 people and serves 11 Tennessee counties.

LifePoint said it will spend \$60 million on capital investments in the system's four hospitals over the next decade.

LifePoint, based in Brentwood, Tenn., operates 52 hospital campuses in 17 states. The company's stock rose \$1.11, or 3.6 percent, to \$31.51 in Wednesday afternoon trading.

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