

Horton Hospital CEO confident hospital will stay open

HORTON, Kan. (AP) - The CEO of the Horton Community Hospital, which is facing financial struggles, says he is confident the hospital will remain open.

Ty Compton on Monday acknowledged problems at the hospital but said employees and its corporate owner, EmpowerHMS, are working diligently to keep the hospital open. It offers 25-bed critical care access, a rural health clinic and an emergency room in the town of 1,700.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports the hospital recently hasn't had enough money to buy supplies, food, or medications and employees haven't received some promised health benefits.

Compton says the hospital is meeting patients' needs and hasn't had to transfer or divert any patients because of a lack of supplies.

Gerald Kratochvil, a spokesman for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, said the agency is looking into the situation at Horton.

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