Report: Horton Hospital could close

(MSC News)--Horton Community Hospital employees haven't been paid since February 15.

That word comes in a report published Tuesday by the <u>Topeka Capital-Journal</u>, which cites an employee who claims the hospital will close Friday if no paychecks are forthcoming.

According to the newspaper, Horton Hospital CEO Ty Compton confirmed the lack of paychecks, and said hospital ownership has told him "they're working on it."

An employee of the hospital, who asked not to be named by the newspaper, said correspondence to nurses indicated a Friday closing should the paychecks not arrive.

The hospital's former owner, EmpowerHMS, is battling a financial crisis, which included the February 14 closing of the Oswego Community Hospital.

According to the newspaper's report, citing Securities and Exchange Commission record filings, management of the Horton hospital transitioned to Miami, Florida-based <u>iHealthcare</u> in January.

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