

Report: Horton Hospital struggling to pay bills

(MSC News)--An investigative report, published this weekend by the [Topeka Capital-Journal](#), paints a grim picture of the financial status of the Horton Community Hospital.

Citing Chief Nursing Officer Krissy Torkelson, the report says the hospital has, in recent months, been operating with limited supplies, including medication, among other necessities.

On Friday, paychecks were not received by staff.

The newspaper, citing an email from CEO Ty Compton, reported that the paycheck problem was being blamed on an accounting glitch.

According to the report, the hospital has failed to pay for trash delivery, and struggles to literally keep the lights on.

Horton Community Hospital is owned by EmpowerHMS, a subsidiary of Florida-based Empower Group. The corporation is under investigation for billing practices, and has gained national attention for its failure to pay bills.

The newspaper reports that Compton recently stated that the Horton Hospital is stable, despite issues with others in the company.

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