

SE KS hospital closes

(KAIR)--One of three Kansas hospitals owned by EmpowerHMS has closed.

EmpowerHMS is the same company that owns the Horton Community Hospital, where recent reports have outlined that facility's financial struggles.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reports that the Board of Directors for the Oswego Community Hospital on Thursday closed its doors immediately.

The board said the Oswego Community Hospital, the Oswego Community Clinic and the Chetopa Community Clinic will all close.

Oswego is located in the southeast corner of Kansas.

According to a post on the hospital's Facebook page, the closure comes "due to unforeseen circumstances."

The Kansas Legislature's failure to expand Medicaid is cited among the reasons the decision to close was made.

The Kansas City-based EmpowerHMS is part of the Empower Group which has gained recent scrutiny for its financial problems at rural hospitals across the nation.

Along with the Horton Community Hospital, EmpowerHMS also owns the Hillsboro Community Hospital.

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