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CMS Survey Of Juan Luis Hospital Complete

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ST. CROIX -- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surveyors concluded their inspection of the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center (JFL) on Friday, a press release JFL issued on Friday confirms. A team of five surveyors [arrived at JFL Monday morning](#) to conduct a full Conditions of Participation (CoPs) hospital survey, and a sixth inspector arrived Tuesday.

According to the release, the surveyors' specialties include nursing, life safety and clinical nutrition. The survey included record and document reviews, interviews and observation. The six-member delegation looked at JFL's improvements, and the efforts the JFL team has put into achieving compliance under its System Improvement Agreement (SIA), and sustaining that compliance.

CMS has oversight for compliance with the medicare health and safety standards for laboratories, and acute and continuing care providers, which includes hospitals. CMS surveys are conducted to determine how well those health care entities comply with the CoPs requirements.

The CMS team met with the executive management of JFL Friday afternoon and wrapped up the visit with an exit conference. "We feel comfortable that the hospital has achieved the objectives outlined in the Systems Improvement Agreement," said JFL Acting Chief Executive Officer Ken Okolo said.

According to CMS, the official results will not be available for at least ten days, which is a customary practice according to Greeley Associates Bud Pate. JFL executives will remain in communication with CMS to obtain the official findings, according to the release.

CEO Okolo thanked the staff of JFL for what he deemed as their continuing dedication to provide excellent service and care to the hospital's patients, as well as the community. He also thanked the governing board for its continued support.