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Official C.M.S. Survey Results Of Juan F. Luis Hospital Are In

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ST. CROIX -- The Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center on Thursday received the official results of a survey conducted between June 12-15, a press release the hospital issued has made known. A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services survey team arrived at the hospital on June 12 and walked straight into the facility's emergency room, [beginning a survey](#) that finished one day ahead of its deadline.

The surveyors evaluated the hospital on four conditions of participation, including emergency room, governing board, nursing services and medical staff inspections. They were also to examine the hospital's compliance with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act — a federal law that requires anyone coming to an emergency department

to be stabilized and treated, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay, according to sources with firsthand knowledge of the discussions.

When J.F.L. first made the announcement, it said that the C.M.S. surveyors [found the hospital to be](#) in "substantial compliance," a level of compliance with the requirements of participation such that any identified deficiencies pose no greater risk to resident health or safety than the potential for causing minimal harm.

Today, the hospital said there were no deficiencies found by C.M.S., and as a result the hospital is not required to submit a plan of correction.

The news comes as a relief to residents concerned that a survey would yield a negative report and depress a hospital that's still trying to gain its footing following some difficult years. And it serves as a morale boost to the hospital's staff and executive team.

Among other responsibilities, C.M.S. is a federal agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services that administers the Medicare program and works in partnership with state and territory governments to administer Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and health insurance portability standards.