



**Natchez  
Community Hospital**

*The Working Hospital for A Working Community*

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August 13, 2008

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Dear Ken:

We are writing this letter with the sincere hope that you can help use resolve an unacceptable situation in our community. The situation to which we are referring is the continued recurrence of unstaffed physician shifts in the Emergency Department at Natchez Regional Medical Center. It was reported to us last week by one of the physicians on our medical staff that their patient had presented to the Emergency Department at Regional Sunday, August 3, 2008. They were informed by "a nurse" that there was no physician and that they would have to go somewhere else to receive emergency care.

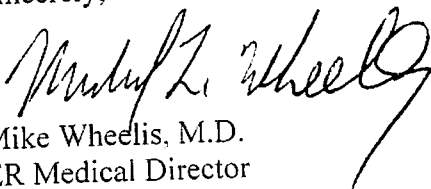
We understand the challenges that are facing NRMC right now and the difficulty with securing physician coverage. That is why we are requesting your help with this situation. In order to improve Emergency Physician coverage for our community, we request that you communicate to us in advance unstaffed Emergency Physician shifts at Regional. By having this information in advance, the Emergency Department at Community will increase staffing and other resources in anticipation of higher volume. It is very important to us that we are as prepared as possible to meet patient care needs of our community. Communicating this vital information will allow us to do so.

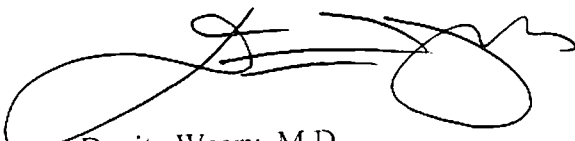
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We know that you share the feeling that emergency physician coverage in our community is very important. That is why we are requesting that you personally get involved so that we may resolve this very important issue for our community.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Wheelis, M.D.  
ER Medical Director

  
Danita Weary, M.D.  
Chief of Staff Elect

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