

Broughton Hospital Staff under scrutiny

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Staff at Morganton's Broughton Psychiatric Hospital will come under new supervision following a patient death and fall that led federal officials to halt Medicaid and Medicare payments.

The moves are designed to persuade the federal government to restore Medicaid and Medicare funding, as well as to ensure that clinical staff are supervised by clinical professionals. The decision was made yesterday by the state Department of Health and Human Services in response to the February 1 death of patient Anthony Dewayne Lowery. Lowery died of asphyxia after a staff member allegedly sat on his torso.