

## RMCH goes on 'divert'

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Gallup Indian Medical Center will be the destination of patients who would generally go to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services tonight.

Metro Dispatch put out a notice at 6:17 pm, that RMCH is on divert. They said the hospital placed the call, but did not tell the *Sun* the reason this action was taken.

The divert order means RMCH will not be accepting any patients until 6 am July 16 except for those suffering a stroke or suspected stroke.

All other patients en route to RMCH will be diverted to GIMC.

Efforts to contact RMCH received this response from spokesperson Ina M. Burmeister.

“From time to time workers call-in sick. This morning, our ER was more than adequately staffed. By evening, call-ins forced us to temporarily go on divert for the late shift. While we rarely go on divert, this occurrence is not unusual in small hospitals in small communities where staff resources are in short supply.”

