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**WYOMING COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEM SKILLED NURSING FACILITY  
ENGINEERS CONTINUE TO ASSESS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE**

**Warsaw, New York, January 15, 2015** - Engineers continue to assess the structural damage at the Wyoming County Community Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in Warsaw. Initial indications are that a steel I-beam under a corner of the building deteriorated and failed (pictures attached); however, the reason for the failure remains unknown.

WCCHS has completed the temporary repairs to the impacted portion of the Wyoming County Community Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility as directed by the County's structural engineering consultant who assisted in investigating the situation.

The structural engineer, after inspecting the repairs and further assessing the building and architectural drawings, has determined that the building is "sufficiently stabilized to allow the rest of the building to be re-occupied."

WCCHS is now working with the NYS Department of Health to obtain their review and approval that would allow residents to return to their rooms. It is currently anticipated that residents may be able to return on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**About Wyoming County Community Health System**

Wyoming County Community Hospital is a rural, acute-care facility located in Western New York. It is the sole inpatient provider for the county, which has a population of approximately 44,000. In addition to an Acute Care Hospital, its services include an attached Nursing Home and Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit. Wyoming County Hospital has approximately 3,000 inpatient admissions per year and 12,000 ED visits per year.

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