

North Alabama Regional Hospital set to close any day, patients relocated

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The North Alabama Regional Hospital is set to close any day now, and all patients have been relocated according to officials.



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The Foundation for Mental Health tells WAAY 31 they have been preparing for the challenges the closure will bring.

Right now, the non-profit says they help place mental health patients in care facilities, but can only do that with 74 people. Bill Giguere, the foundation's development officer, says at the moment they can only take the ones who need care the most.

With the closure of North Alabama Regional on the horizon, officials say it will only get harder to provide proper care for mentally ill patients.

"The question always comes up what do you do when you run out of beds. That's a good question, and a question we don't necessarily have an answer for," Giguere said.

Officials say the patients who were at the North Alabama Regional Hospital have all been moved to short term facilities across the state.