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## GMH moving forward with health care law

Gothenburg Memorial Hospital started positioning itself to adapt to changes in health care a couple of years ago.

For that reason, interim chief executive officer Kayleen Dudley said she doesn't see any changes in the way hospital employees care for patients under the Affordable Care Act.

On June 28, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the act which was spearheaded by President Obama and his administration.

Dudley, who is operations director for Physician Network in Lincoln, is on retainer as GMH's administrator until a new one is found.

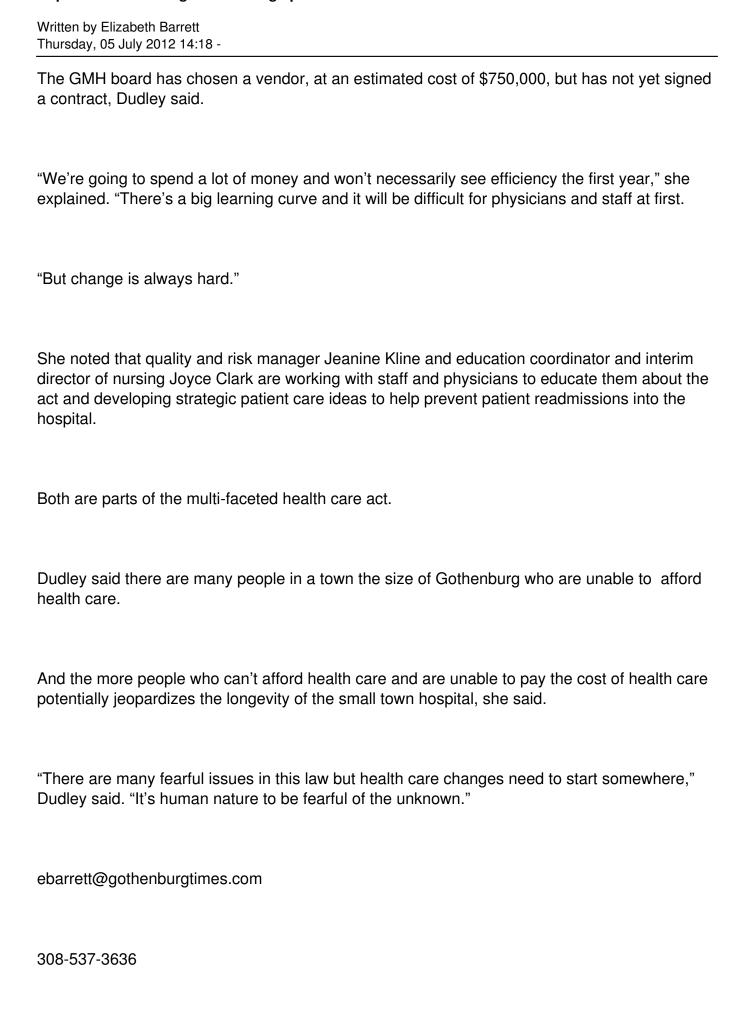
She said the hospital continually strives to be proactive in its efforts to help Gothenburg citizens be ready to adapt to the new changes in health care.

When Congress passed the law in 2010, she said GMH had already started positioning itself for potential changes in the law.

"We started moving towards an electronic health record, we started to focus on prevention of patient readmissions and more," Dudley said.

The most challenging part for GMH so far with the legislation, she said, is electronic record keeping and its price tag.

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