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Workers clear debris from the 20,000 square feet of roofing that was blown off Brunswick Community Hospital during Hurricane Floyd on Thursday.

Hospital roof work begun

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BOLIVIA A day after Hurricane Floyd tore the roof off Brunswick Community Hospital, work crews were building a temporary replacement.

"We are feverishly working and have been around the clock," said Paul Schulte hospital CEO.

The hospital plans to reopen at noon today.

"We will have full service," Mr. Schulte said.

Early Thursday morning, high winds stripped off about one-third of the building's roof. The damage allowed rain to flood nearly every room in the 60-bed facility.

"Right now we're putting a temporary roof on. As soon as we get that on, we'll put on a new roof on. We're going to try to make the attempt to make the hospital operational, but we will have some beds out of service."

By Friday afternoon, the hospital had more than 150 workers from across the southeast patching the damaged roof. Mr. Schulte said it was too early to estimate the cost of the

repairs.

Meanwhile Brunswick county officials have set up a temporary hospital at the health department at the government complex in Bolivia.

"We are prepared to use whatever resources we need to use," Brunswick County Emergency Management Director Cecil Logan.

Gov. Jim Hunt also addressed the need for medical services during his visit to the county. The governor directed state officials to do whatever they could to provide the county with a second medical helicopter. The first medical helicopter arrived Friday.