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### HALIFAX REGIONAL COMPLETES MAJOR UPGRADE OF COMPUTER SYSTEM

**ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (November 7, 2010)—Halifax Regional has completed an investment of \$750,000 in updating technology.**

The Medical Center has expanded its hardware and software to position itself for changes coming as a result of healthcare reform, to ensure privacy for patients and rapid communication for employees.

“We have upgraded our network with the latest technology,” said Robert Gordon, manager of information systems. “We also have installed the latest software for employees.” In addition, approximately one-third of the personal computers in the Medical Center have been replaced,” he said.

“The result of this investment is that we are bringing faster and more efficient delivery of information that is essential in caring for patients,” Gordon continued. “The new software programs enable us to obtain and record information to meet the needs of physicians and our staff.”

The changes also will prevent the system from shutting down when there is a power outage, Gordon explained. “A battery system allows us to continue processing until the emergency generator starts in the event of an outage.”

The new software versions will prepare Halifax Regional for a complete electronic medical records program. “Some clinical areas and our physicians already have electronic records,” he said.

“With this major investment, Halifax Regional is positioning itself to meet the requirements of healthcare reform,” said Will Mahone, president. “We are up to date in technology to enable our staff and physicians to be as effective and efficient as possible in meeting the needs of our patients.”

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