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RANSOM - Congressman Jerry Moran visited the Grisell Memorial Hospital in Ransom on Tuesday, August 24. The visit allowed Moran to speak with Kristine Ochs, RN and Administrator and Director of Nursing, along with members of the Grisell Hospital Board.

During the meeting, Moran toured hospital facilities, including the adjacent long-term care facility, and spoke to staff and patients. Concerns expressed by the staff included lack of timely Medicare reimbursements and increasing frustrations with paperwork associated with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

"My conversations in Ransom reflect the concerns that many Kansans share about the frustrations associated with health care," Moran said. "The role of the government should be to assist facilities like the Grisell Hospital in providing the best possible care for citizens. However, the government is restricting them with red tape and paperwork. The problems facing health care in America, especially rural Kansas, has now reached critical levels, and Congress must act soon to help the crisis facing medical providers."

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