

DC Creating Non-Profit to Take Over SE Hospital

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According to a recent article in the [Washington Post](#), the D.C. Council voted last week to establish a non-profit corporation to take over control of United Medical Center at a foreclosure action which is scheduled for July 9th. It is reported that the current hospital owners will try to block that foreclosure sale today. United Medical Center is currently owned by a for-profit company, Specialty Hospitals of America. City Council members plan to try to convert the long troubled hospital into a facility that will be partially managed by the city and a new owner.

Council Members Jack Evans (Ward 2) and Marion Barry (Ward 8) tried to get the Council vote delayed to give members more time to examine the financial impact this will have on the city.

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