

Clifton hospital takeover faces 1-month deadline

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proaching, Molinari, Gaeta and Lamberti have been holding meetings with officials to gain financial commitments for the proposal.

According to DePierro, the city has agreed to contribute \$200,000 and the state another \$500,000 towards the effort.

"But right now the whole situ-

ation is on 'iffy' ground. I can say that without federal money and commitments on the state and city levels, we can not take over the facilities conversion," he said.

Molinari stressed that he would "continue to fight" for the hospital's survival but said time is running out and the next three weeks were extremely important.

If the facility is converted it

would be scaled down from 407 beds to 204, including 160 general medical and surgical and 25 acute care. Nineteen beds would be reserved for patients from the Staten Island Developmental Center and the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility.

It would maintain its dialysis and training programs, such as those for anesthetists, radiology technicians and laboratory assistants.

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