RURAL HEALTH SAFETY NET VULNERABLE

RURAL HOSPITAL CLOSURES ESCALATING

283 Hospitals Vulnerable

The Vulnerability INDEX™ identified these hospitals as being statistically clustered in the bottom tier of performance (*).

HOSPITAL VULNERABILITY INDEX: RURAL CLOSURES AND RISK OF CLOSURES

Darker shades indicate higher exposure to vulnerability.

THE IMPACT OF RURAL HOSPITAL CLOSURES

283 rural hospitals are projected to face significant challenges, according to the Hospital Strength INDEX study.

- 700,000 Patient Encounters
- 36,000 Healthcare Jobs Lost
- 50,000 Community Jobs Lost
- $10.6 Billion Loss to GDP

(*) October 2014

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Sequestration continues to result in a drag on rural hospital margins and has large ripple effect on rural communities:

- **$2.8 BILLION**
  over 10 years lost in Rural Medicare reimbursement

- **7,200**
  jobs lost in rural hospitals and communities (sustained over 10 years)

- **-0.6% LESS**
  off the bottom line for hospitals as a result of the 2% sequestration

- **30**
  rural hospitals shifting from profitable to unprofitable

**THE BOTTOM LINE:** 35% of RURAL HOSPITALS OPERATING AT LOSS

LEARN WHERE YOU STAND, REQUEST AN INDEX SUMMARY REPORT OF YOUR ORGANIZATION’S PERFORMANCE.