

# The Rural Health Crisis Collides with a Pandemic

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# 135

Rural Hospitals Closed

Since 2010



In 2015, 39% of rural hospitals were in the red. Today 46% of rural facilities have a negative operating margin.



In non-Medicaid expansion states, the median operating margin is -0.1% and 50% of rural hospitals are in the red.



166 rural communities no longer have access to OB services due to declining access to services and closures.

# 453

Vulnerable to Closure



The emergence of COVID-19 further destabilized the rural health safety net. Rural hospitals lack the resources and financial means to combat the virus and remain viable.

# 62%



of rural hospitals lack ICU beds

# 77%



% of total revenue tied to Outpatient Services

# 33

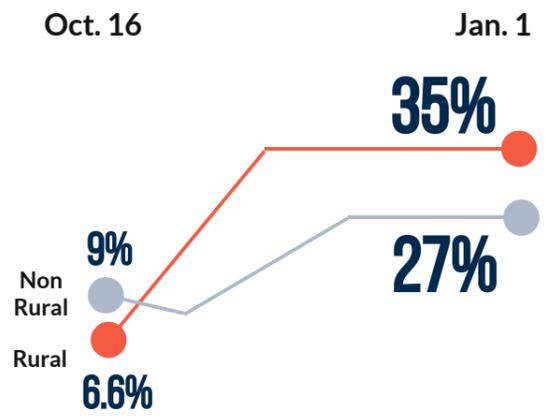


rural median Days Cash on Hand



## Rural COVID Hospitalizations Skyrocket

Between Oct. 16, 2020 and Jan. 7, 2021, COVID-related hospitalizations outpaced those of non-rural hospitals.



### ICU Capacity Exhausted



Across the nation, 62% of all rural hospitals lack Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds, stretching resources and creating significant gaps in the ability of rural providers to care for those infected with COVID-19.

### Week of Jan. 1-7, 2021

# 83%

of all rural adult staffed ICU beds are occupied

## Chartis Survey Results

Measuring the Impact of COVID-19



# 86%

INDICATED THAT THEIR HOSPITAL SUSPENDED OUTPATIENT SERVICES UP TO 3 MONTHS.

# 82%

OF RESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT THE ESTIMATED PER MONTH REVENUE LOSS DUE TO SUSPENDING OUTPATIENT SERVICES...

# UP TO \$5M /MONTH



# Staff Burnout

Number 1 ranked long-term concern by survey respondents.