

#### **Crises Collide**

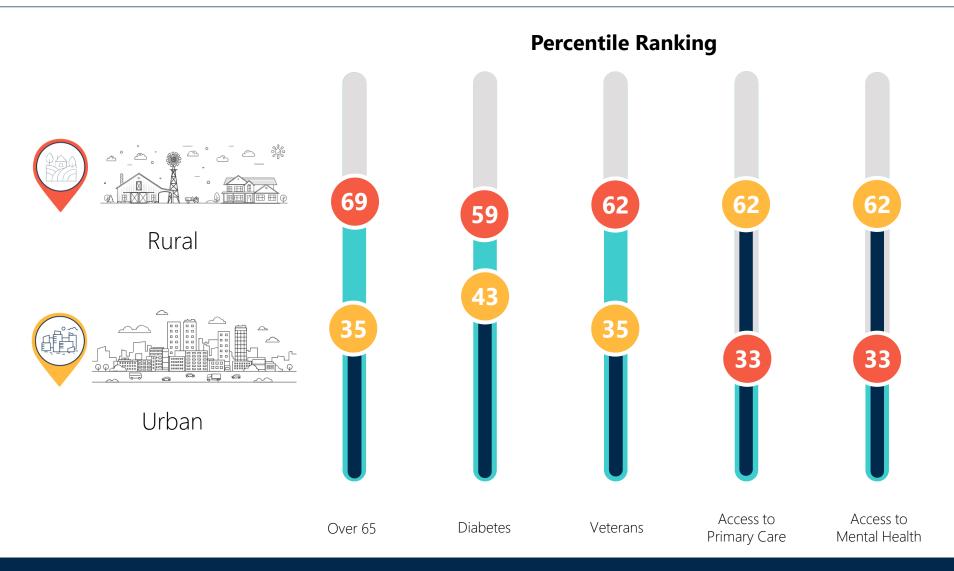
The Rural Health Safety Net Under Pressure

February 2021

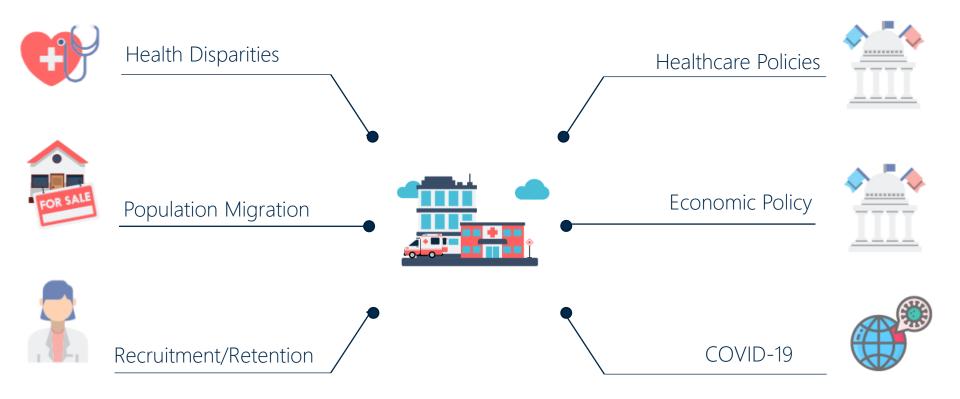


#### **Population Health Disparity**

Rural v. Urban

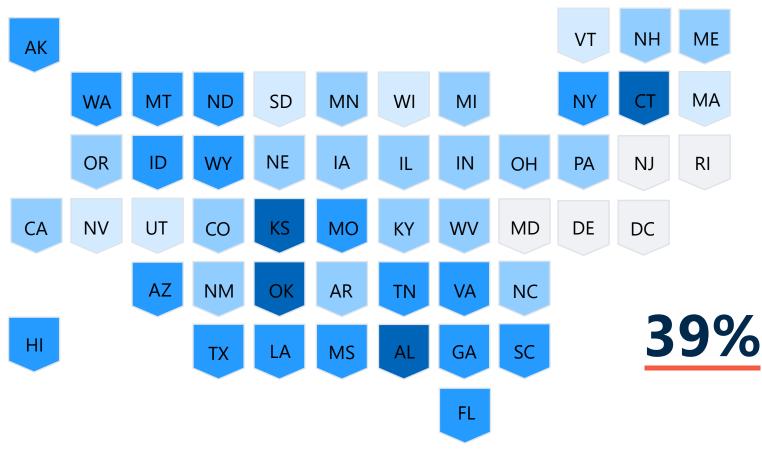


#### **Convergence of Multiple Pressure Points**



### Rural Hospitals with Negative Operating Margin

2015



State-level percentage of rural hospitals with negative operating margin.

NA

0-20%

21%-40%

41%-60%

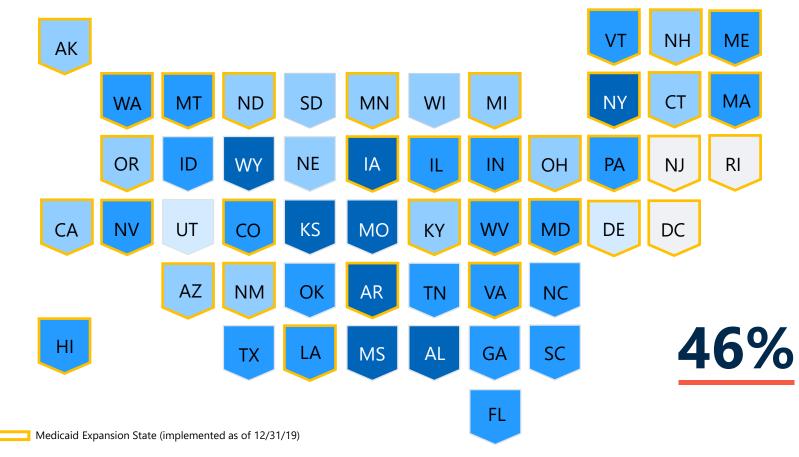
61%-80%

81%-100%

Source: The Chartis Center for Rural Health, 2021.

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#### **Hospital Operating Margins**

Medicaid Expansion v. Non-Expansion States





Expansion State







Median
Operating Margin

1.1%

-0.1%



**43**%

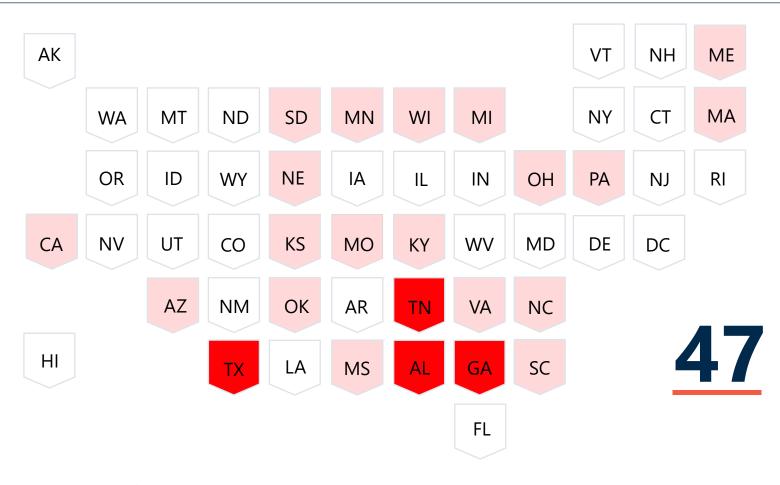


**50**%

% with Negative Operating Margin

Current: Sequestration, Bad Debt

#### **Hospital Closures – January 1, 2015**



Number of rural hospitals closed since 2010.

0

1-2

3

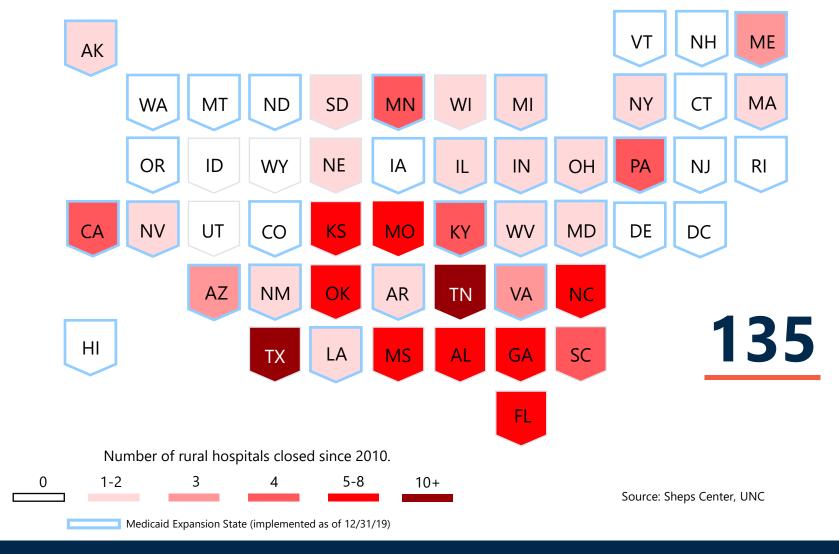
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5-8

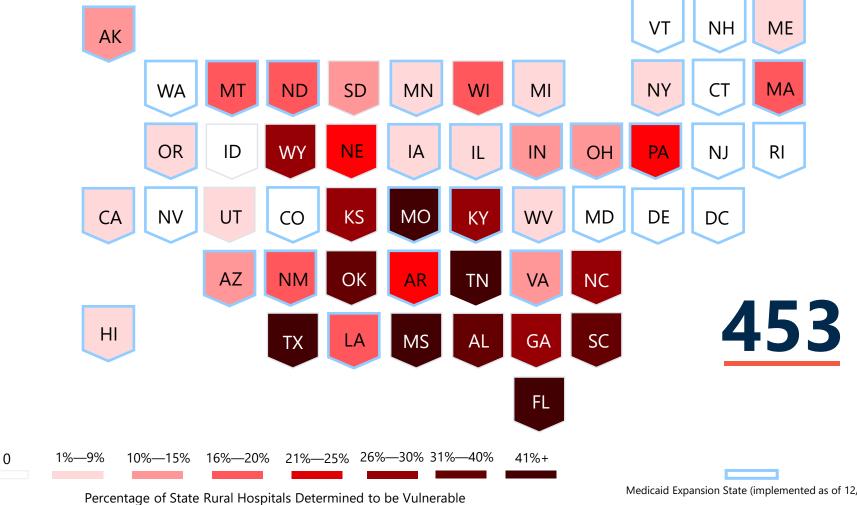
10+

Source: Sheps Center, UNC

#### **Hospital Closures – February 4, 2021**



#### **Rural Hospitals Vulnerable to Closure**



Medicaid Expansion State (implemented as of 12/31/19)

#### **Stability of the Rural Health Safety Net**

**Region View** 

**WEST** 

#### Vulnerability Creeps Across Region

- 396 rural hospitals
- 10 closed
- 30 vulnerable
- 1.5% median OM
- 42% negative OM

SOUTH



### Epicenter of closures and vulnerability

- 777 rural hospitals
- 89 closed
- 269 vulnerable
- 0.4% median OM
- 47% negative OM

**MIDWEST** 



#### Vulnerability May Foreshadow Closures

- 832 rural hospitals
- 26 closed
- 137 vulnerable
- 1.7% median OM
- 39% negative OM

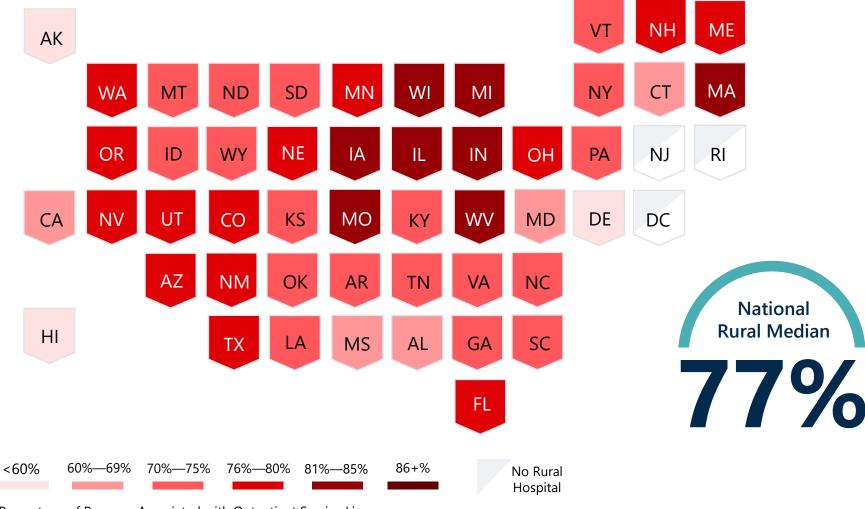
**NORTHEAST** 



#### Larger states not immune

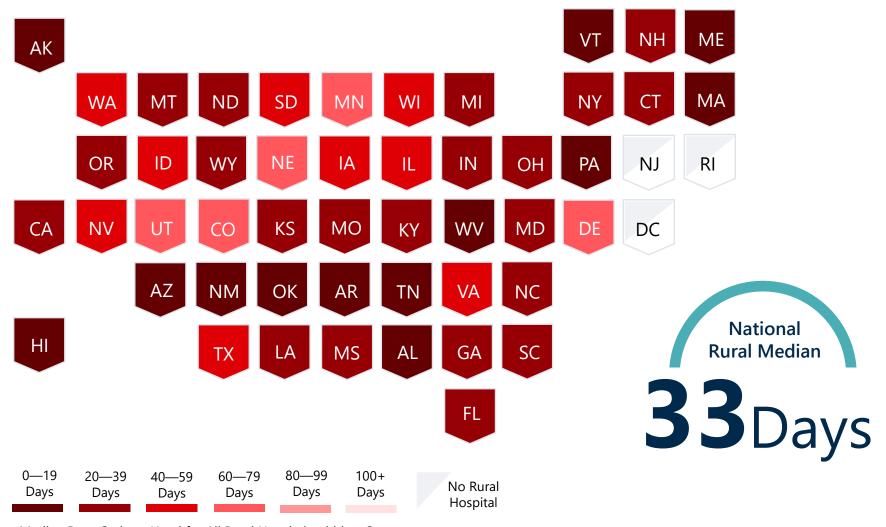
- 156 rural hospitals
- 10 closed
- 17 vulnerable
- 0.5% median OM
- 46% negative OM

#### **Outpatient Services as % of Total Revenue**



Percentage of Revenue Associated with Outpatient Service Lines.

#### **Days Cash on Hand**



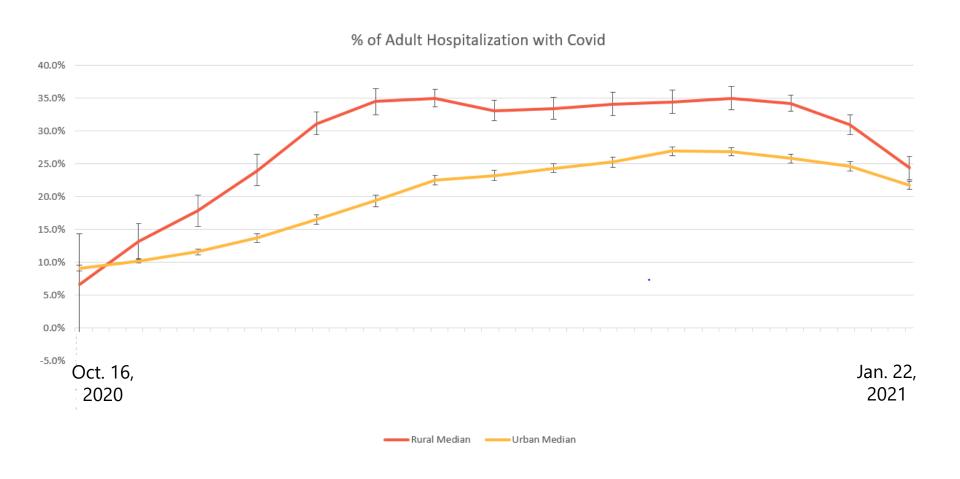
Median Days Cash on Hand for All Rural Hospitals within a State.

#### % of Rural Hospitals without ICU beds

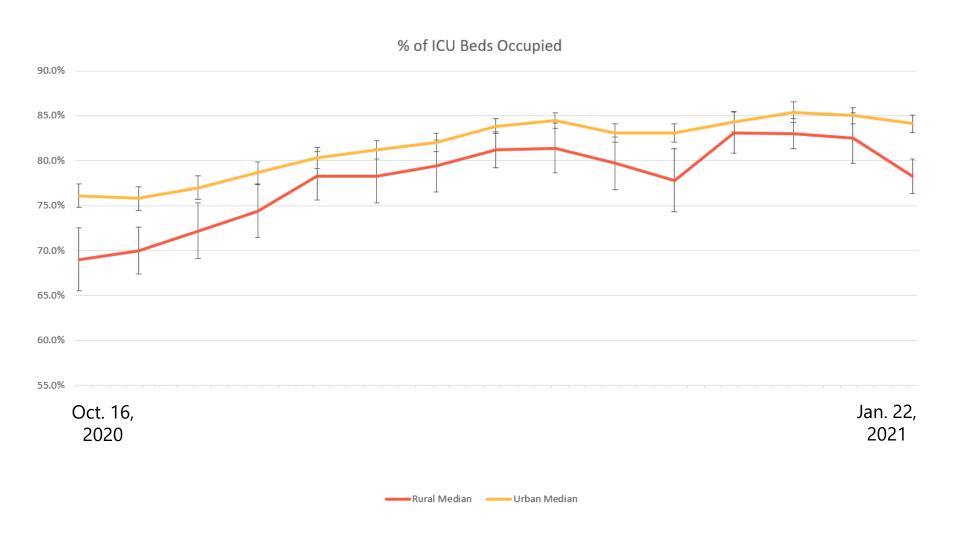


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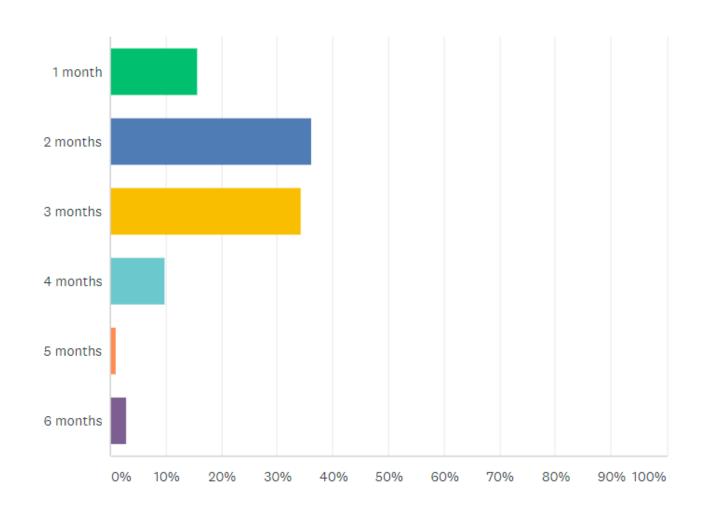
#### **Rural America Grapples with the Pandemic**



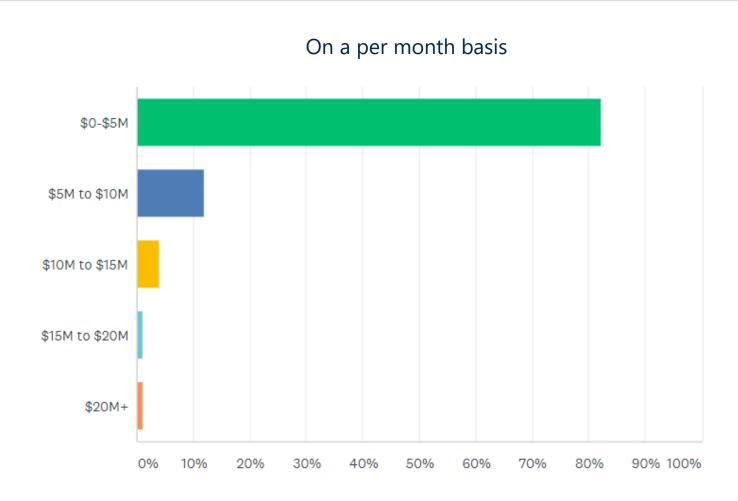
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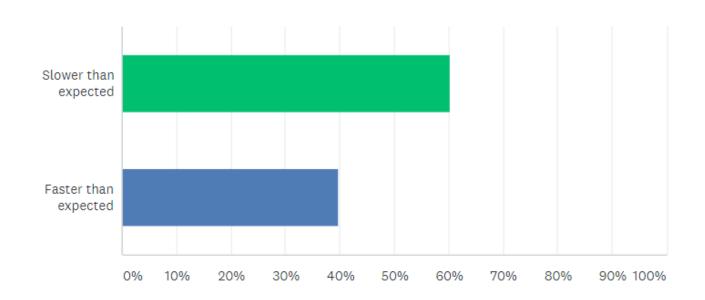
## How long did your facility suspend Outpatient Services due to COVID?



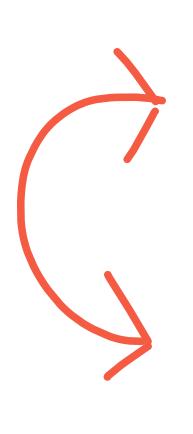
## How much Outpatient revenue would you estimate your facility lost due to service suspension?

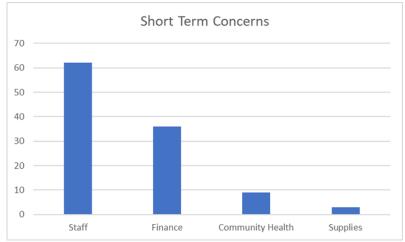


## If you have resumed Outpatient Services, how would you describe demand recovery thus far?



#### How are rural hospitals thinking about what comes next?







Distrust of healthcare/govt

Delays in care

Higher use of telemed

# RURAL HEALTH SAFETY NET UNDER PRESSURE Recent 340B Manufacturer Actions

## Discontinued Access to 340B drugs for Contract Pharmacies

- September 1, 2020
  - Eli Lilly
    - U Offers chance for covered entities to designate 1 contract pharmacy to receive 340B drugs, if no in-house pharmacy exists
- October 1, 2020
  - AstraZeneca
  - Sanofi
    - Unless hospital uploads contract pharmacy scripts through Second Sight Solutions and its 340B ESP platform
- November 16, 2020
  - Novartis
    - ≥ Exempts community pharmacies within 40-mile radius of the hospital
- January 1, 2021
  - Novo Nordisk

<sup>\*\*</sup>Merck has requested hospitals provide data to 340B ESP, but has not cut off 340B shipments

#### **Introduction of Kalderos Platform**

- "340B Pay"
  - A technology platform to accumulate 340B-eligible scripts & pay rebates on the backend, rather than offering 340B discounts with the initial drug order
  - Uncertain if any manufacturers will use this platform

#### What are Provider Concerns?

- 340B ESP data would include all scripts, not just Medicaid scripts subject to duplicate discount concerns
  - Unclear if it's legal to provide scripts to this vendor
  - Uncertain how this data might be used by manufacturers
- Kalderos rebate model could significantly delay cash flow to hospitals
  - Would scripts get tied up in lengthy challenges as to eligibility?
- Significant financial impact with loss of 340B pricing
- Significant reporting burden under 340B ESP or related platforms
- Significant impact on patients' ability to access low-cost drugs under 340B hospital uninsured programs

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION Questions?

#### IN YOUR 'CAPITOL HILL VISITS DOCUMENT FOLDER

- State-specific Policy Impact Tables
- National Data Super Table
- State-specific INDEX Pillar Report (blinded)
- Research Paper: Crises Collide
- Crises Collide Infographic
- Safety Net Under Pressure: Trended Heat Maps

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