CAHs support both the health and economy of local communities

Annual services provided to patients include:
• **8 Million** patients treated in emergency departments
• **39 Million** outpatient visits
• **809,000** patients admitted
• **82,000** babies delivered

Economic Impact of CAHs
• **300,000** skilled healthcare jobs provided
• **$7.1 Million** invested into local communities through wages, salaries, and benefits per CAH, on average
• **1.8 Million** reinvested as taxable retail sales per CAH, on average

However, almost **35%** of rural hospitals that have closed since 2010 were critical access hospitals. Many of the 673 remaining vulnerable hospitals are CAHs and if they close the devastating impact would cause **99,000** jobs and **$277 billion** in GDP lost.