Rural Health Safety Net Vulnerable

673 Hospitals Vulnerable
The Vulnerability INDEX identified these hospitals as performing at a level consistent with rural hospitals that have closed since the start of 2010.*

Vulnerability Index: Closures and Risk of Closure

The Impact of Rural Hospital Closures
673 rural hospitals are projected to face significant challenges, according to the Hospital Strength INDEX.

11.7M Patient Encounters
99,000 Healthcare Jobs Lost
137,000 Community Jobs Lost
$277B Loss to GDP (10 years)
Unintended Policy Consequences Impact Rural Hospitals

Sequestration and Bad Debt continue to result in a drag on rural hospital margins and have a ripple effect on rural communities:

35% cut Bad Debt
2% cut Sequestration

$3.8 billion lost in revenue
11,600 rural healthcare and community jobs lost
$13.6 billion loss to GDP

The Bottom Line: 41% of rural hospitals are operating at a LOSS.