Rural Health Safety Net Vulnerable

Rural Hospital Closures Escalating

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: **35%** of rural hospitals are operating at a LOSS.