

Resources for communities concerned about the loss of a rural hospital

The following is meant to serve as a resource base for communities who are facing uncertainty and scarcity of health-related resources. Many of these websites provide links to additional resources, and it is our hope that this will prompt further exploration as you seek to formulate community-tailored solutions.

Organizations concerned about Rural Health:

Rural Policy Research Institute:

Comprehensive Primary Care Plus – A Rural Commentary:

<https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/files/CPCp%20Rural%20Perspective.pdf>

The Commonwealth Fund:

Building Partnerships to Improve Health in the Rural South ~ CareSouth Carolina:

<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/case-study/2020/jan/building-partnerships-improve-health-rural-south-caresouth-carolina>

Rural Health Association of Tennessee: <https://www.rhat.org/page-18442>

National Rural Health Association: <https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/>

Health Resources & Services Administration

Rural Health Policy: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/policy/index.html>

National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH):

Links to Multiple Resources: <https://nosorh.org/educational-resources/educational-resources-topic/>

Rural Policy Research Institute:

Physician Engagement – A Primer for Healthcare Leaders:

<https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/files/RHV%20Physician%20Engagement%20Primer.pdf>

National Center for Rural Health Works: <http://ruralhealthworks.org/>

The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research (University of North Carolina):

Links to pertinent infographics:

<https://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/product/understanding-the-broader-context-of-rural-hospitals-and-profitability/>.

Hospital Closures: <https://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/programs-projects/rural-health/rural-hospital-closures-archive/rural-hospital-closures/>

Resources on rural hospitals:

Transforming the Rural Health Care Paradigm:

Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA):

https://jamanetwork.com/channels/health-forum/fullarticle/2770355?MessageRunDetailID=3273188818&PostID=19107056&utm_medium=email&utm_source=rasa_io

Rethinking Rural Hospitals:

JAMA: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2643297>

Rural Health Information Hub:

Hospitals: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/hospitals>

Community Health Needs Assessment:

Hospital Alliance of Tennessee:

<http://www.hospitalalliancetn.com/communityHealth.php>

Tennessee Joint Annual Reports for Hospitals and Health Facilities:

Tennessee Department of Health: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/statistics/health-data/jar.html>

Tennessee's Small and Rural Hospitals:

Tennessee Hospital Association:

<https://tha.com/focus-areas/small-and-rural/>.

Interactive Maps Highlight Urban-Rural Differences in Hospital Bed Capacity:

Kaiser Family Foundation:

<https://www.kff.org/health-costs/press-release/interactive-maps-highlight-urban-rural-differences-in-hospital-bed-capacity/>

State Profiles 2015 – Rural Hospital Profiles Combined Impact:

National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH):

<https://nosorh.org/state-profiles-2015-rural-hospital-profiles-combined-impact/>

Rural Hospital Transition Framework:

National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH):

<https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Rural-Hospital-Transition-Framework-Eric-Shell.pdf>

Assisting Small Rural Hospitals to Prepare for the Future:

Rural Health Innovations: <https://www.ruralcenter.org/rhi/srht>

Engaging Your Board and Community in Value-Based Care Conversations:

Rural Policy Research Institute: [https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/files/Engaging the Board Value Discussion Questions.pdf](https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/files/Engaging%20the%20Board%20Value%20Discussion%20Questions.pdf)

Rural Hospital Renaissance:

Saving Rural Hospitals: <https://savingruralhospitals.com/>

Mobilizing the Community:

Community Vitality:

Rural Health Information Hub: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/community-vitality-and-rural-healthcare#illustrate>

About the Economic Impact Analysis Tool:

Rural Health Information Hub: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/econtool/about>

Starting a Community Coalition:

Community Toolbox: <https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/promotion-strategies/start-a-coalition/main>

Developing a Plan for Assessing Local Needs and Resources:

Community Toolbox: <https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-and-resources/develop-a-plan/main>

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps: <https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

Change-makers working to create healthy, equitable, sustainable communities:

Community Commons: <http://www.communitycommons.org/>

Media Toolkit:

National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH): <https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Media-Toolkit-final.pdf>

Emergency Care:

What is the Potential of Community Paramedicine to Fill Rural Health Care Gaps?:

National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH): <https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/What-is-the-Potential-of-Community-Paramedicine-to-Fill-Rural-Health-Care-Gaps.pdf>

Estimated Costs of Rural Freestanding Emergency Departments 2015:

Rural Health Research Gateway:

<https://www.ruralhealthresearch.org/publications/995>

Community Paramedicine:

Rural Health Information Hub:

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/community-paramedicine>

Quality of Care:

Generating quality reports for health systems:

Why Not the Best?: <https://whynotthebest.org/>

Institute for Healthcare Improvement: <http://www.ihl.org/>

Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Quality Reporting Outreach and Education Support Programs:

Quality Reporting Center: <https://www.qualityreportingcenter.com/>

Quality Improvement Organizations: <http://www.qioprogram.org/locate-your-qio>

MPQIP Quality Reporting Guides:

National Rural Health Resource Center:

<https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/mbqip-quality-reporting-guide>

Rural Hospital Performance Improvement (RHPI) Project:

National Rural Health Resource Center: <https://www.ruralcenter.org/rhpi>

CAH Blueprint for Performance Excellence:

National Rural Health Resource Center: <https://www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library/cah-blueprint-for-performance-excellence>

Reimbursement & Insurance Coverage:

Evaluation of the Medicare Frontier Extended Stay Clinic Demonstration, Report to Congress:

HHS: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/new-approaches/pdf/evaluation-of-fesc-demonstration.pdf>

Innovation:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: <https://innovation.cms.gov/>

State Profiles - Decrease in Uninsured Population Under 65:

National Organization of States Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH):

<https://nosorh.org/state-profiles-decrease-in-uninsured-population-under-65/>

Value-based Care Assessment Tool:

Rural Policy Research Institute:

<https://ruralhealthvalue.public-health.uiowa.edu/TnR/vbc/vbctool.php>

Telemedicine:

South Central Telehealth Resource Center: <https://learntelehealth.org/>

What's the difference between telemedicine and telehealth?:

American Academy of Family Physicians:

<https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center/kits/telemedicine-and-telehealth.html>

Legislation:

Links to Legislation:

Federal: <https://www.durbin.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/durbin-lankford-kinzinger-loebsack-introduce-bill-to-support-rural-hospitals>

Federal: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3665/text>

State: <https://tha.com/tha-2020-legislative-report-now-available/>