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**COVID-19 and 10 Years of ACA Consolidation**

Today is the 10th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, which led to massive consolidation of the entire health care industry. With coronavirus on the loose, what does that mean for small communities and rural areas whose hospitals were shut down?

What does that mean for patients and staff forced to go into massive medical facilities that are, or may soon be, filled with coronavirus patients? And how has ACA consolidation, which reduced the number of health care facilities, impacted the total number of masks, respirators, intubation kits, medications and staff available at any given time?

The Affordable Care Act is coming before the U.S. Supreme Court later this year. Let’s hope they rule that this harmful law is as unconstitutional as it really is.