



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

Health Freedom Minute

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Rural Hospitals Closing Left and Right

Hospitals in rural America are closing in droves. More than 20 percent of these hospitals are at risk of closing. This means 430 hospitals across 43 states. A whopping 97 of these small hospitals have closed since 2010.

Data from 2016 found nearly 20% of Americans living in rural areas, including small towns, farming communities, and recreation areas.

Insufficient Medicare payment is part of the problem but two laws haven't helped. The thousands of pages of Obamacare regulations and the unfunded electronic health record mandate are unaffordable to small hospitals, leaving more and more Americans without a local source of care.

“Nearly a Quarter of Rural Hospitals are on the Brink of Closure,” Alex Kacik, Modern Healthcare, February 20, 2019: <https://bit.ly/2lrakkb>

“New Census Data Show Differences Between Urban and Rural Populations,” United States Census Bureau, December 8, 2016: <https://bit.ly/2gfhZif>

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