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Medicare for All Will Shutter Hospitals

How would Medicaid-for-All impact hospitals across America? Rural hospitals are already closing due to low Medicare payments, Obamacare regulations, and the federal electronic health record mandate.

Democrats differ on what will happen to hospitals. Bernie Sanders says they'll do great, but former congressman John Delaney says that paying Medicare rates for all patients will mean the end of many hospitals. Today, Medicare pays just 87% of the costs and hospitals charge more to cash-paying and insured patients.

Major hospital systems, like the Mayo Clinic, would likely survive. Others, especially rural hospitals, would probably shut their doors or become government hospitals—funded by taxpayers.


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

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