

THE HARMFUL IMPACT OF SITE-NEUTRAL MEDICARE CUTS ON COMMUNITY HOSPITALS



New research shows site-neutral Medicare cuts threaten access to 24/7 care for Americans nationwide.

Hospital-based care in America already faces intense pressure from workforce challenges, rising operating costs due to high drug and equipment costs, and an anticipated increase in uncompensated care. Site-neutral Medicare cuts would push many hospitals, particularly those serving rural and vulnerable populations, into severe distress, potentially forcing them to reduce services or close entirely.

Site-neutral Medicare cuts will strain hospitals and put 24/7 access to care at risk for communities nationwide.

\$182B

cut to hospitals

~1200

hospitals will be at risk or high risk of financial distress

\$26.3B

cut to rural hospitals

>33%

of rural hospitals will be at high risk of financial distress



Site-neutral Medicare cuts would disproportionately threaten access to emergency, maternal, and mental health services, with roughly one-third of hospitals offering these services at risk or high risk of financial distress.



38%

of hospitals offering emergency services will be at risk or high risk of financial distress



35%

of hospitals offering maternity services will be at risk or high risk of financial distress



38%

of hospitals offering mental health services will be at risk or high risk of financial distress