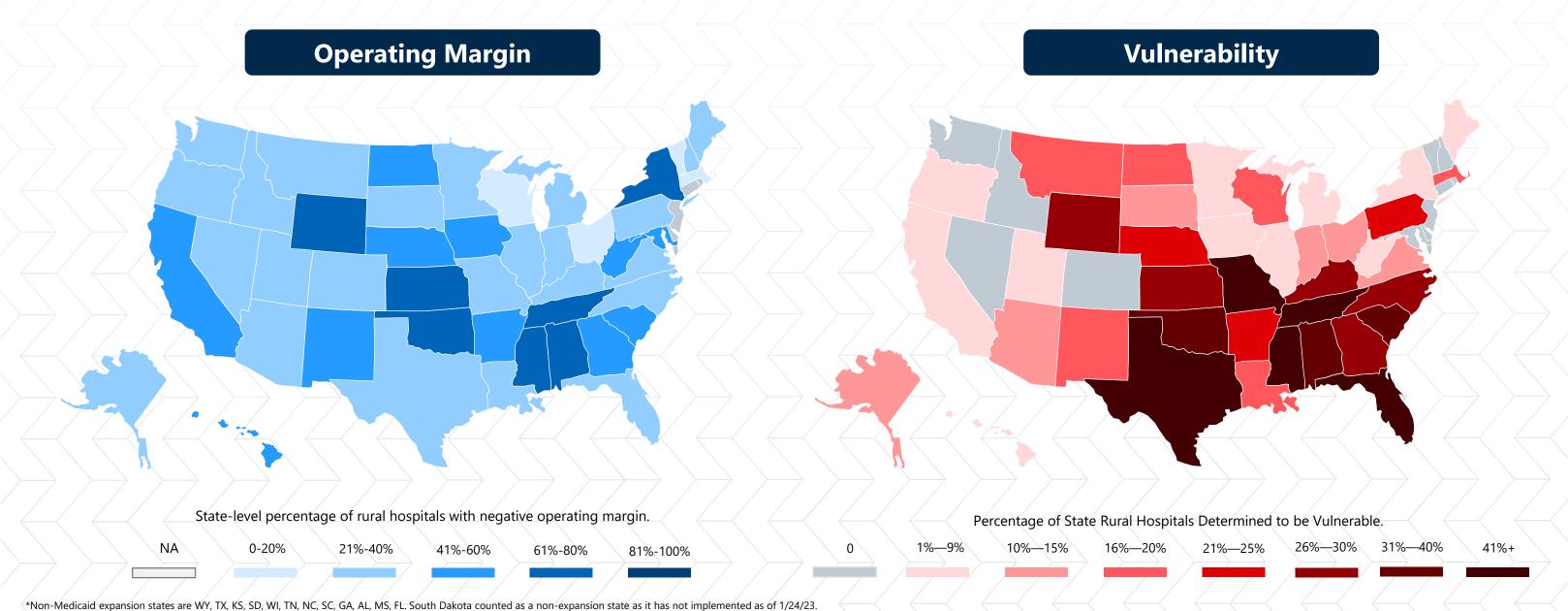
Stability of the Rural Health Safety Net

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Today, 43% of America's rural hospitals are operating in the red, including 51% of rural facilities in states yet to adopt or implement Medicaid expansion*. According to Chartis research, more than 450 rural hospitals in the country are vulnerable to closure.



CMS Healthcare Cost Report Information System (HCRIS) Q4 2022. Operating margin is computed in accordance with Flex Monitoring Team guidance. Outliers are excluded. Hospitals for which data are

unavailable are excluded. Reported Covid-19 PHE Funds (Worksheet G-3 line 24,50) excluded from operating margin. Adjustments made to operating margin to reflect full 2% sequester.