

			Rural Hospital Instability (2026)						Policy Impact on Rural Hospital Stability (2026)								
State	Expansion Status		Closures and Vulnerability				Operating Margin		Sequestration ¹			Bad Debt ⁴			PAYGO ¹		
	Medicaid Expansion ¹	Years Expanded	Total Rural Hospitals	Closed Hospitals	Vulnerable Hospitals	% Rural Hospitals Vulnerable	Median Operating Margin	% With Negative Margin ²	2% Medicare Revenue Cut			35% Medicare Bad Debt Reimbursement Cut			4% Medicare Revenue Cut in Addition to Sequester		
									Policy Impact Sequestration	Sequestration Job Loss ³	Sequestration GDP Impact ³	Policy Impact Bad Debt	Bad Debt Job Loss ³	Bad Debt GDP Impact ³	Revenue Impact	Potential Job Loss ³	GDP Impact ³
AK	Y	10	15	1	0	0%	6.4%	27.3%	\$ 4,432,210	57	\$ 8,505,144	\$ 1,345,257	17	\$ 2,492,630	\$ 8,864,419	113	\$ 17,010,289
AL	N		45	10	17	38%	-6.2%	67.6%	\$ 6,941,347	127	\$ 19,032,996	\$ 1,729,397	33	\$ 4,899,430	\$ 13,882,694	254	\$ 38,065,991
AR	Y	11	42	5	23	55%	-2.9%	59.0%	\$ 4,831,072	92	\$ 13,735,282	\$ 1,144,813	21	\$ 3,196,690	\$ 9,662,144	183	\$ 27,470,564
AZ	Y	11	18	3	2	11%	7.8%	6.3%	\$ 4,978,307	74	\$ 11,129,298	\$ 731,564	11	\$ 1,656,359	\$ 9,956,613	148	\$ 22,258,596
CA	Y	11	57	5	4	7%	2.5%	36.4%	\$ 28,550,182	373	\$ 55,911,491	\$ 16,372,045	214	\$ 32,115,808	\$ 57,100,363	745	\$ 111,822,983
CO	Y	11	42	0	1	2%	0.1%	47.5%	\$ 10,885,472	150	\$ 22,455,480	\$ 1,244,629	19	\$ 2,804,752	\$ 21,770,945	299	\$ 44,910,960
CT	Y	11	3	0	0	0%	-2.2%	50.0%	\$ 1,947,263	26	\$ 3,921,572	\$ 126,539	2	\$ 256,230	\$ 3,894,527	52	\$ 7,843,144
DE	Y	11	2	0	0	0%	7.0%	0.0%	\$ 5,436,660	79	\$ 11,802,211	\$ 408,141	6	\$ 840,172	\$ 10,873,319	157	\$ 23,604,422
FL	N		21	5	11	52%	3.4%	35.3%	\$ 3,107,655	54	\$ 8,101,724	\$ 1,730,520	28	\$ 4,235,856	\$ 6,215,309	108	\$ 16,203,447
GA	N		67	11	25	37%	-0.2%	51.6%	\$ 19,644,297	327	\$ 49,003,362	\$ 5,180,518	95	\$ 14,294,326	\$ 39,288,594	653	\$ 98,006,724
HI	Y	11	13	0	0	0%	2.5%	45.5%	\$ 5,039,186	73	\$ 10,884,976	\$ 201,117	3	\$ 419,419	\$ 10,078,372	145	\$ 21,769,952
IA	Y	11	91	2	4	4%	7.2%	13.3%	\$ 18,609,095	307	\$ 46,065,227	\$ 1,064,505	18	\$ 2,688,385	\$ 37,218,190	614	\$ 92,130,454
ID	Y	5	27	1	2	7%	-1.7%	55.6%	\$ 4,829,278	70	\$ 10,549,984	\$ 953,405	14	\$ 2,026,383	\$ 9,658,555	141	\$ 21,099,968
IL	Y	11	71	4	10	14%	6.1%	26.2%	\$ 15,603,558	250	\$ 37,450,020	\$ 10,249,743	175	\$ 26,242,113	\$ 31,207,115	499	\$ 74,900,039
IN	Y	10	53	3	9	17%	5.4%	32.7%	\$ 15,171,511	240	\$ 36,032,485	\$ 6,110,331	100	\$ 14,945,318	\$ 30,343,022	480	\$ 72,064,969
KS	N		99	12	44	44%	-6.6%	86.2%	\$ 12,717,194	219	\$ 32,895,982	\$ 4,158,065	72	\$ 10,862,714	\$ 25,434,388	438	\$ 65,791,965
KY	Y	11	63	5	10	16%	13.4%	8.3%	\$ 18,391,249	306	\$ 45,859,002	\$ 4,832,081	83	\$ 12,461,322	\$ 36,782,498	611	\$ 91,718,004
LA	Y	9	55	3	13	24%	3.6%	36.0%	\$ 6,247,230	117	\$ 17,534,714	\$ 2,277,856	43	\$ 6,443,064	\$ 12,494,460	234	\$ 35,069,428
MA	Y	11	6	0	0	0%	-9.7%	50.0%	\$ 2,003,080	29	\$ 4,352,896	\$ 845,541	13	\$ 1,959,131	\$ 4,006,161	58	\$ 8,705,791
MD	Y	11	5	1	0	0%	5.3%	40.0%	\$ 5,609,026	78	\$ 11,752,629	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ 11,218,053	157	\$ 23,505,257
ME	Y	6	23	4	0	0%	2.5%	39.1%	\$ 9,256,362	129	\$ 19,391,661	\$ 2,452,573	35	\$ 5,223,943	\$ 18,512,724	258	\$ 38,783,322
MI	Y	11	60	5	7	12%	5.5%	25.9%	\$ 19,304,052	307	\$ 46,060,207	\$ 7,845,928	125	\$ 18,753,905	\$ 38,608,103	614	\$ 92,120,415
MN	Y	11	94	5	9	10%	3.6%	32.3%	\$ 25,073,661	351	\$ 52,627,120	\$ 2,173,714	30	\$ 4,497,472	\$ 50,147,322	701	\$ 105,254,240
MO	Y	4	56	11	11	20%	0.1%	49.1%	\$ 17,164,733	274	\$ 41,054,653	\$ 3,144,276	52	\$ 7,855,458	\$ 34,329,466	547	\$ 82,109,305
MS	N		57	12	24	42%	-1.1%	52.7%	\$ 9,156,085	171	\$ 25,661,897	\$ 2,984,387	60	\$ 8,979,565	\$ 18,312,170	342	\$ 51,323,794
MT	Y	9	53	0	3	6%	-0.2%	53.1%	\$ 12,218,278	169	\$ 25,399,713	\$ 649,347	9	\$ 1,374,771	\$ 24,436,556	338	\$ 50,799,425
NC	Y	2	47	8	11	23%	5.8%	31.8%	\$ 21,532,201	345	\$ 51,805,343	\$ 4,024,106	64	\$ 9,628,629	\$ 43,064,402	690	\$ 103,610,686
ND	Y	11	37	0	3	8%	0.8%	48.6%	\$ 2,971,806	49	\$ 7,331,351	\$ 446,224	7	\$ 1,038,823	\$ 5,943,613	98	\$ 14,662,702
NE	Y	5	70	3	13	19%	0.6%	48.5%	\$ 14,655,052	245	\$ 36,707,118	\$ 899,016	15	\$ 2,221,152	\$ 29,310,104	489	\$ 73,414,237
NH	Y	11	15	0	1	7%	3.5%	28.6%	\$ 6,252,213	91	\$ 13,722,097	\$ 1,581,932	24	\$ 3,637,609	\$ 12,504,427	183	\$ 27,444,194
NM	Y	11	23	2	4	17%	9.5%	26.3%	\$ 4,694,990	67	\$ 10,119,016	\$ 907,671	14	\$ 2,134,705	\$ 9,389,980	135	\$ 20,238,032
NV	Y	11	14	1	2	14%	1.9%	30.8%	\$ 3,886,946	26	\$ 3,886,946	\$ 1,776,532	31	\$ 4,607,382	\$ 3,348,042	52	\$ 7,773,893
NY	Y	11	49	5	6	12%	-0.8%	56.8%	\$ 26,237,841	423	\$ 63,413,051	\$ 4,250,983	67	\$ 10,076,894	\$ 52,475,681	845	\$ 126,826,103
OH	Y	11	57	3	8	14%	4.5%	34.6%	\$ 14,569,618	256	\$ 38,495,214	\$ 5,998,943	110	\$ 16,539,118	\$ 29,139,236	513	\$ 76,990,427
OK	Y	4	66	13	11	17%	-0.6%	50.0%	\$ 13,334,300	222	\$ 33,342,208	\$ 4,051,896	68	\$ 10,234,855	\$ 26,668,599	444	\$ 66,684,416
OR	Y	11	32	0	1	3%	-0.2%	50.0%	\$ 16,144,527	207	\$ 31,131,085	\$ 5,395,084	69	\$ 10,402,781	\$ 32,289,054	415	\$ 62,262,171
PA	Y	10	40	5	6	15%	1.4%	45.0%	\$ 11,797,246	212	\$ 31,830,777	\$ 3,895,931	69	\$ 10,305,701	\$ 23,594,493	424	\$ 63,661,554
SC	N		22	6	6	27%	8.5%	27.3%	\$ 15,209,432	243	\$ 36,446,958	\$ 2,233,896	35	\$ 5,250,894	\$ 30,418,864	486	\$ 72,893,915
SD	Y	2	45	2	19	42%	5.2%	28.9%	\$ 6,517,139	94	\$ 14,154,566	\$ 347,077	5	\$ 782,092	\$ 13,034,279	189	\$ 28,309,131
TN	N		44	18	27	61%	-2.2%	56.1%	\$ 12,131,935	218	\$ 32,752,452	\$ 3,603,600	66	\$ 9,841,727	\$ 24,263,870	436	\$ 65,504,904
TX	N		150	27	50	33%	0.8%	46.8%	\$ 21,270,534	362	\$ 54,293,151	\$ 7,409,403	132	\$ 19,766,542	\$ 42,541,068	724	\$ 108,586,301
UT	Y	5	21	0	1	5%	10.7%	10.5%	\$ 3,273,682	49	\$ 7,422,963	\$ 192,236	3	\$ 480,229	\$ 6,547,365	99	\$ 14,845,925
VA	Y	6	26	2	1	4%	1.2%	44.0%	\$ 10,385,275	160	\$ 24,019,839	\$ 2,080,260	32	\$ 4,809,864	\$ 20,770,549	320	\$ 48,039,678
VT	Y	11	12	0	0	0%	0.1%	41.7%	\$ 4,493,080	62	\$ 9,276,700	\$ 1,420,462	19	\$ 2,828,415	\$ 8,986,160	124	\$ 18,553,399
WA	Y	11	45	0	0	0%	-2.3%	56.8%	\$ 13,787,259	182	\$ 27,374,039	\$ 4,939,446	63	\$ 9,507,711	\$ 27,574,519	365	\$ 54,748,078
WI	N		77	1	11	14%	7.5%	15.7%	\$ 19,935,905	280	\$ 42,087,965	\$ 8,951,151	123	\$ 18,473,860	\$ 39,871,809	561	\$ 84,175,930
WV	Y	11	27	2	1	4%	1.4%	38.5%	\$ 5,683,359	95	\$ 14,219,527	\$ 2,669,748	45	\$ 6,793,353	\$ 11,366,718	189	\$ 28,439,055
WY	N		24	0	6	25%	-5.4%	58.3%	\$ 5,908,066	88	\$ 13,281,069	\$ 1,368,768	21	\$ 3,164,168	\$ 11,816,132	177	\$ 26,562,137
National All Rural Hospital Totals			2081	206	417	20%	2.0%	41.2%	\$ 539,607,523	8424	\$ 1,264,285,158	\$ 148,400,656	2359	\$ 354,053,720	\$ 1,079,215,046	16,848	\$ 2,528,570,316
Critical Access Hospital Totals			1330	71	217	16%	2.1%	40.0%	\$ 169,266,573	2663	\$ 399,686,422	\$ 87,942,734	1,396	\$ 209,513,374	\$ 338,531,346	5,326	\$ 799,372,844
Rural & Community Hospital Totals			751	135	200	27%	1.8%	43.5%	\$ 370,341,850	5761	\$ 864,598,736	\$ 60,457,922	963	\$ 144,540,347	\$ 740,683,700	11,522	\$ 1,729,197,472
Medicaid Expansion Totals			Expanded > 3 Yrs	1383	94	166	12%	37.4%	\$ 385,535,733	5895	\$ 884,767,695	\$ 104,679,770	1625	\$ 243,873,918	\$ 771,071,466	11,791	\$ 1,769,535,390
			Expanded < 3 Years	92	10	30	33%	2.7%	\$ 65,959,909	440	\$ 65,959,909	\$ 4,371,183	69	\$ 10,410,721	\$ 56,098,681	879	\$ 131,919,817
			Total Expanded	1475	104	196	13%	2.9%	\$ 413,585,073	6335	\$ 950,727,604	\$ 109,050,953	1694	\$ 254,284,639	\$ 827,170,147	12670	\$ 1,901,455,207
			Not Expanded	606	102	221	36%	-0.7%	\$ 126,022,449	2089	\$ 313,557,554	\$ 39,349,703	665	\$ 99,769,081	\$ 252,044,899	4,179	\$ 627,115,109

1 - Kaiser Health News, states implemented as of December 2025, 2 - CMS Healthcare Cost Report Information System (HCRIS) Q4 2025. 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, 3 - Budget Control Act of 2011, 4 - Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, 5 - National Center for Rural Health Works, 2016, 6 - The World Bank, 2025, 7 - Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, 8 - The states of New Jersey and Rhode Island do not have any hospitals designated rural according to definition used by The Chartis Center for Rural Health.