The Pennsylvania Rural Health Program
Pennsylvania's solution to the rural hospital crisis
Pennsylvania's rural hospitals are in crisis.
1. Patients tend to be older, sicker, and have more chronic diseases.

2. There are a larger number of uninsured patients.

3. Patients may travel to urban areas for health care services.

4. There is a national trend of declining inpatient admissions.

5. There are significant physician shortages.

6. Specialists are difficult to recruit.

7. Equipment is very expensive.

8. Operating expenses continue to increase.

Rural hospitals are challenged for many reasons.
Nearly half of rural hospitals reported negative operating margins in 2016.

Rural hospitals operating margins breakdown: 2016

Most rural hospitals in Pennsylvania report low and declining operating margins.
Rural hospitals across the state are in trouble
There are three rural hospitals at risk in your district.
health care. Jobs local, and sustain access to strategy to strengthen rural hospitals. Keep (program) is our revenue-neutral The PA Rural Health Program is a creative solution
The Program Helps Rural Hospitals and Communities

The approach: Rural hospitals are currently paid in an unpredictable manner that leaves hospitals to better plan the types of health services their communities need. Payment model that provides a stable and steady stream of revenue. This will allow many suffering financially. Through the Program, rural hospitals will transition to a predictable and stable cash flows.

Future value-based reimbursement

Current volume-based reimbursement
Global budget methodology provides stable revenue.
This program allows hospitals to...

- Negatively impact patients
- Interfere with private business
- Impose any more regulations
- This program does not...
- Better plan the types of services that the communities need
- Invest in lower-cost, higher-quality care
- Make key local investments in community health
Combine emergency medical services with neighboring areas to offer community health worker education programs.

Expand behavioral health and substance use disorder services.

**Specific goals hospitals want to pursue**

“Provide health care services”

“Our hospital will manage community health rather than just our patients sleep in their own beds”

“We want to create a hospital without walls”

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**Rural hospital CEO goals for transformation**

The Program allows hospitals to create new visions
The Rural Health Redesign Center (RHRC) is critical to support the PA Rural Health Program.
The Rural Health Redesign Center (RHRC) will...

- Help rural hospitals identify solutions to behavioral health services, broadband, tele-health services, and critical challenges including access to.

- Offer support for hospitals to engage and employers to improve local health status.

- Work with rural community partners (i.e.,) hospitals as they participate in the program.

- Provide financial and practice transformation technical assistance to rural.

The RHRC will administer the Program.
Other states are looking to PA for rural health care solutions.

The program could be expanded across the country.

First state to administer the Rural Health Program.

PA is on the cutting edge of health care delivery systems.

Would be extremely difficult for these hospitals to access.

Consistent support to participating rural hospitals that otherwise would be without.

The RHNC will provide free technical assistance and workforce transformation, and economic vitality.

Financing, community health, research, rural health.

Expertise in rural health care delivery including in areas of: Concentrated

With the RHNC, PA will be a rural health leader.
Local economies strong.
Healthy communities and keep
Successful Rural Hospitals
Program.
The RHRC is critical to support
Huntingdon County, PA

Adam Dimm, CEO of JC Blair Memorial Hospital,

"closer to home.
access to health care
rural communities have greater solutions for PA citizens who live in open the door to new and innovative"

The PA Rural Health Program will