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Rural hospitals close in increasing numbers



Activists protest cuts to Medicaid, in 2025 in Washington, DC. Federal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements are a critical revenue source for rural hospitals, which tend to serve large numbers of Medicaid patients. TASOS KATOPODIS/GETTY IMAGES FOR PEOPLE'S ACTION INSTITUTE

Closures have domino effect on communities, residents

Shayann Ramedani and Daniel R. George
Penn State
THE CONVERSATION

Some Pennsylvania hospitals are being pushed beyond the brink of closure. Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park closed in April 2025, Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland closed in May 2025, and Heritage Valley Kennedy Hospital, formerly the Ohio Valley Hospital, in Kennedy Township closed in June 2025. Rural hospitals are particularly vulnerable. The UNC Sheps Center, which tracks rural hospital infrastructure in the United States, has documented 195 rural



A 2022 study found that when a rural hospital closes, hospitals nearby see a measurable spike in inpatient admissions and emergency room visits that can cause significant financial strain. GETTY IMAGES

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Shooting suspect killed near White House

Zac Anderson, Bart Jansen and Anthony Thompson
USA TODAY

A gunman opened fire outside the White House during the evening of May 23 before the Secret Service fatally shot the suspect, the agency said. A bystander also was struck by gunfire, according to the Secret Service. No officers were injured. President Donald Trump was in the White House during the May 23 incident but was unharmed. The shooting took place shortly after 6 p.m. near 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue near the White House complex on the west side. The gunman "pulled a weapon from his bag and began firing," according to the Secret Service statement. Officers returned fire, hitting the gunman, who later was pronounced dead at the hospital. The Secret Service did not release the condition of the bystander. In a May 24 social media post,

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