

RURAL HOSPITAL VIABILITY

A look at Alternative Models for Rural Hospitals

Due to the complex nature of rural communities and the ever evolving nature of healthcare it is important for rural hospitals to explore alternative strategies to help them continue providing care to their communities. We have identified 7 emerging strategies to help rural hospitals assess and determine their unique needs. Each strategy caters to a number of services that may aid in keeping rural hospitals financially viable and allow them to continue providing care to their communities.

Essential Health Care Service



Emerging Strategy

	Primary Care	Psychiatric and Substance Use Treatment Services	ED and Observation Care	Prenatal Care	Transportation	Diagnostic Services	Home Care	Dentistry Services	Robust Referral Structure
Global Budget Payments
Emergency Medical Center
Addressing the Social Determinants of Health
Inpatient/Outpatient Transformation Strategy
Urgent Care Center
Virtual Care Strategies
Rural Hospital Health Clinic Strategy