

# Navigating Key Legislative Issues Facing Healthcare Leaders

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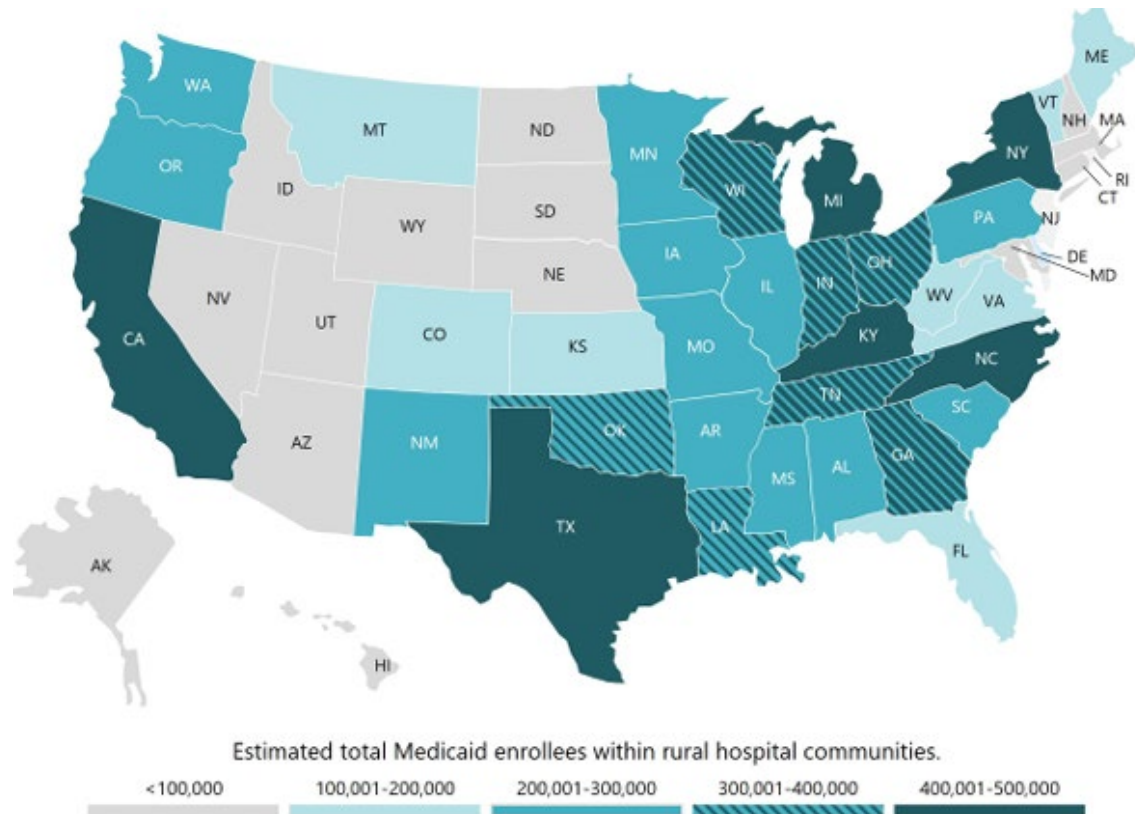
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# Agenda

- Panelist Introductions
- Panelist Conversation
- Audience Q & A
- Session Evaluation

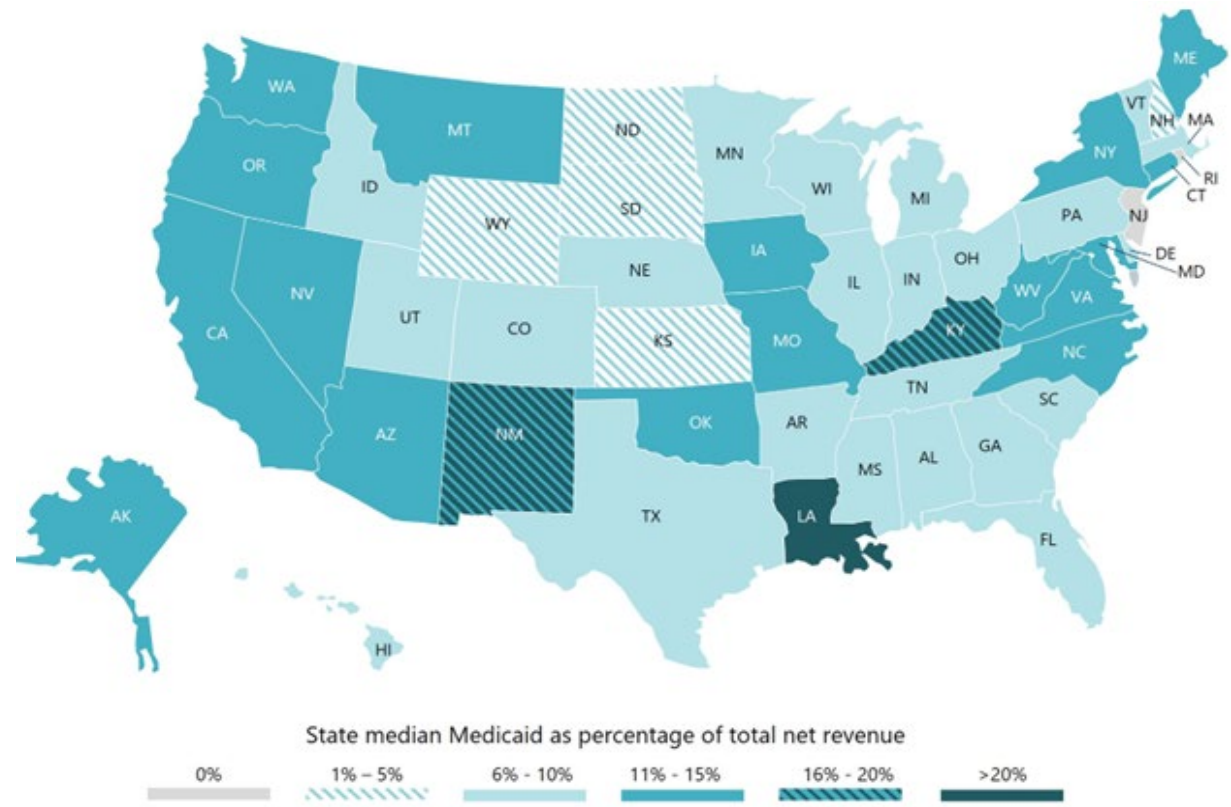
# Medicaid and Rural Hospitals

## Importance of Medicaid in rural hospital communities



Source: The Chartis Center for Rural Health, May 2025

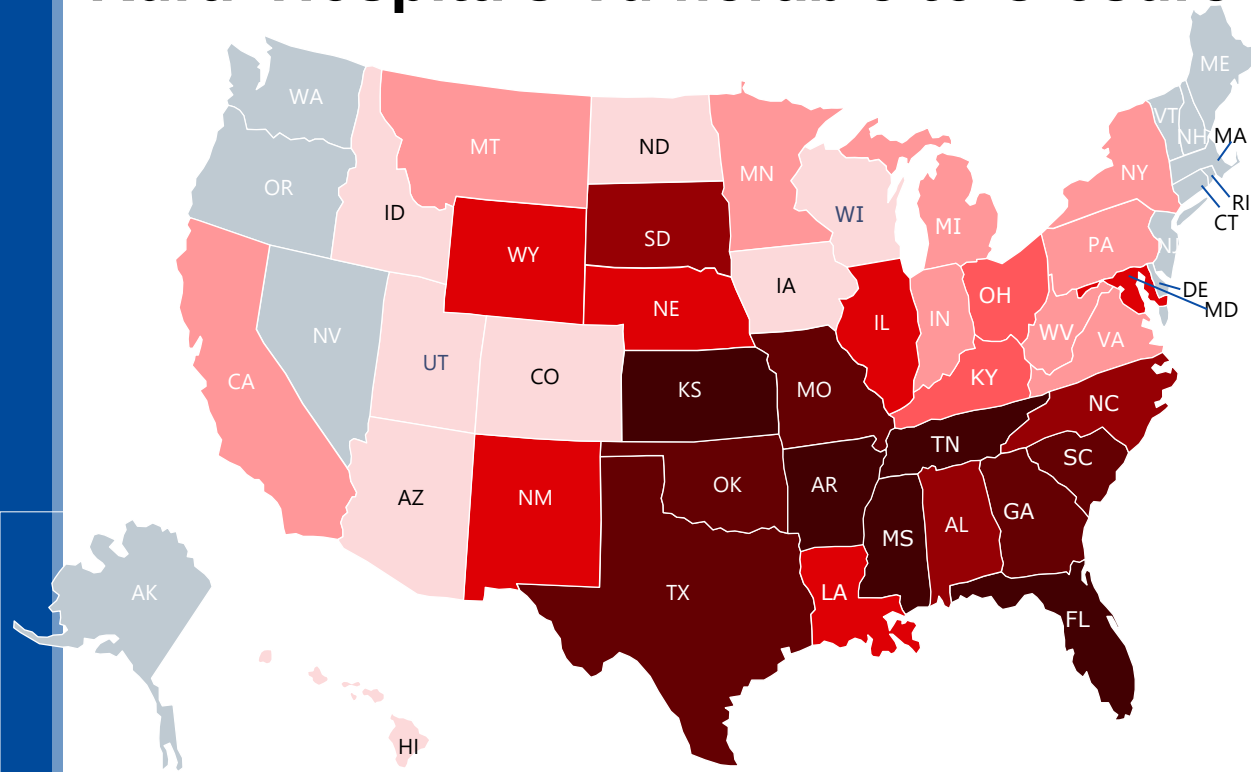
## At the median, Medicaid is 9.34% of total net revenue



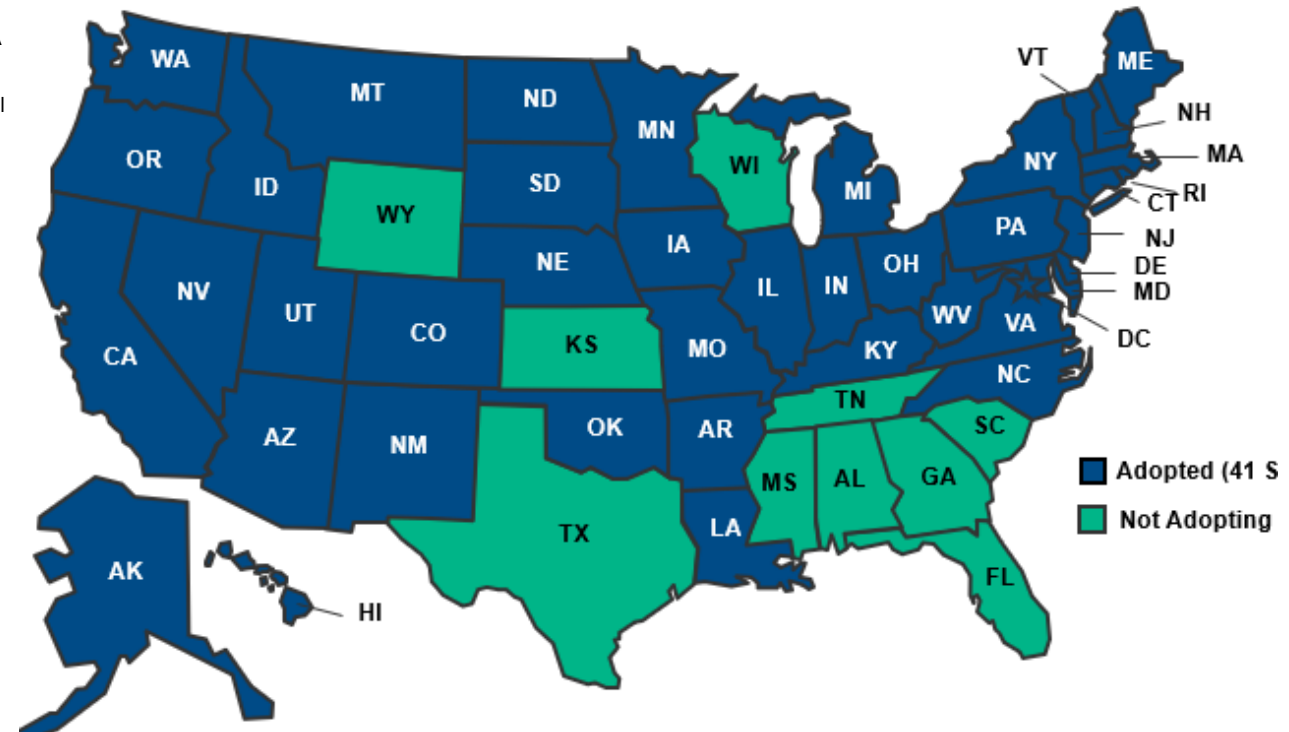
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# Implications for Rural Health Care Infrastructure

## Rural Hospitals Vulnerable to Closure



## Status of State Medicaid Expansion



Source: The Chartis Center for Rural Health, December 2024

SOURCE: "Status of State Medicaid Expansion Decisions: Interactive Map,"  
<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/status-of-state-medicaid-expansion-decisions-interactive-map/>

# Rural Health Policy Impacts

- Budget Reconciliation (H.R. 1 – [The One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#))
  - House Passed Package/ Senate Updated Language
  - Congressional Budget Office [estimates](#) nearly 11 million more people would be uninsured in 2034
  - Will result in cuts to the Medicaid program by more than \$700 billion over 10 years
  - Provider Tax Changes
  - Limit future state-directed payments to providers by:
    - For expansion states, limiting SDPs to Medicare rate
    - For non-expansion states, limiting SDPs to Medicare rate + 10%
  - New Medicaid Work Requirements
  - Increased eligibility redetermination
  - Sunsetting eligibility for increased FMAP (+5%) for new expansion states.

# Rural Health Policy Impacts

- Budget Reconciliation (H.R. 1 – [The One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#))
  - Impacts to Medicaid
  - Reduction of Health Infrastructure
  - Cut of SNAP Programs by 30%
  - ACA Marketplace Proposals
- The Presidents FY 2026 Budget
  - Removal of funding for SORH, Flex and SHIP Programs.
  - Reduction of healthcare workforce loan repayment/reimbursement
  - Reduction of HHS Budget by 33% +
- Changes to the HHS Structure
  - How the new addition of AHA (Administration for a Healthy America) compares to HRSA and other institutes of health.

# Navigating Key Legislative Issues Survey





# Session Materials

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# Thank You



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