



Classification of Hospitals Urban Rural Kansas City · Statewide Rural Lawrence · Sole Community Hospitals (11) Manhattan • Medicare Dependent Topeka Hospitals (5) • Wichita **Rural Referral Center** Critical Access Hospitals (84) OUR MISSION | To be the voice and resource for community-based hospitals.

Hospital Contributions to the **Economy**

Hospital's contribution to the local economy is critical to economic viability of communities:

- · As a major source of employment
- · As a purchaser of goods and services
- As a provider of health care services

Kansas hospitals and health care services:

- 4th largest aggregate employer in Kansas
- 5th largest producer of total income and total sales in

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Major Employers in Kansas

Kansas hospitals:

- Employ approximately 84,210 people
- Support an additional 68,000+ jobs in other business and
 - Employment multiplier of 1.81
- · Total employment impact of more than 152,000 jobs

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Critical Access Hospitals

- · Eligibility:
 - Located in a federal or state defined rural area
 - -More than 35 road miles from a similar hospital (15 miles in certain conditions)
 - -Necessary provider designation by Governor
 - Provides 24-hour emergency services
 - No more than 25 inpatient beds
 - Annual average length-of-stay of no more than 96 hours
- Reimbursement
 - 101% of allowable costs (as defined by Medicare)
 - Optional methods for reimbursement for outpatient services

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Challenges Facing Kansas Rural Hospitals



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Financing and Reimbursement Challenges

The Facts:

- Negative Medicare margins 69% of rural hospitals
- Local tax subsidies 74 hospitals receive = \$40 million
- Rural Ks Medicare cuts \$196M over 10 years + \$430M more proposed

Assumptions:

- Federal and state reductions will continue Continued pressure to justify the CAH model
- More local responsibility for funding
- Pressure from consumers to reduce their costs
- Move to value as basis of payment

Implications:

- Change in the focus of services will be required unless local subsidies are available Payor pressure for change will increase faster than \$ for new models



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Reliance on Acute Services



The Facts:

- High number of Acute Staffed Beds for our population Kansas 9th highest - 2000 more beds than the national norm
- Low admissions for our population and high number of days
- Small hospitals less than 35 miles apart
 - Secondary and tertiary care farther

Assumptions:

- Outpatient services will continue to grow
- Prevention and population health initiatives will impact acute volumes

Implications:

Reliance on acute models will not prepare us for future payment incentives

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Small, Rural **Markets**



The Facts:

- 85 of 105 counties are rural
- 56 counties with 10 or fewer people/ sq. mi., 35 counties have 6 or
- 76 counties lost population since 2000. All but one is rural.
- Population needed to support 1 Primary Care Physician = 2,450

Assumptions:

- Continued shift of population away from rural
- At least 3 Primary Care Providers needed to support a 24/7 hospital

Implications:

Collaboration among communities is necessary to achieve sufficient population to support some services

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Population Is Older and Aging

The Facts:

- 40 counties have over 29% age 65 and older
- 26 counties aged >4 years since 2000 census
- Diversity growing 5 of 7 counties with the highest non-white population

Assumptions:

- Younger populations are mobile, technology savvy with broader definition of community
- Less mobile populations will rely more heavily on local services
- Patient diversity will impact language and social services

Implications:

Rural Kansas will need to investment in chronic disease management



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Workforce Challenges



- Hospitals/health services are the 4th largest employer- 348,000 jobs
- Fewer physicians and more nurses than national average
- A national shortage of 52,000 primary care physicians is projected by 2025
- Vacancies and turnover in key positions

- Availability of physicians will not increase
- Aging of the workforce and retirements will outpace new entrants

- Recruitment and retention will remain difficult and costly
- Alternative delivery options like telemedicine will become more important
- Small Kansas communities will become more reliant on midlevel practitioners

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Community Expectations are High

- Hospitals/health services 5th largest producer of income and sales in Kansas \$23 Bil
- Patients leave for care 64 counties see outmigration of >50% (all rural)
- Patients use information 1.2M hits on Hospital Compare in 6mo

- Many rural residents will continue to seek care outside of their local communities
- Consumers will research and choose where they seek medical care Hospitals will continue to be an integral part of the rural economy

- Rural residents will continue to expect local access to emergency services even though they use other health care services outside their home community Local discussions about future health service needs and sustainability will be difficult
- The numbers of patients leaving their community for hospital care implies an opportunity for improvement in the health care syste



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What do the facts tell us?

- Pressure to reduce costs will drive change
- Reliance on an acute model will not help prepare for new payment incentives
- Shrinking populations will threaten the sustainability of small, rural acute care facilities
- Small Kansas communities will become more reliant on midlevel practitioners
- Collaboration will become more important to achieve necessary market base
- Use rates and expectations for care may not be sufficient to sustain all CAHs



Incremental changes may be practical; creating a vision for rural health services is critical





- Rural communities are critical to Kansas
- · Hospitals are critical piece of the economic engine
- No "one size fits all" model of health care delivery
- New options must be developed and tested





... Improve Health • Focus on Primary Care to improve the health of the population served – prevention – primary care – chronic disease management – emergency services

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- and other essential services

... Provide Access

- Provide access to essential health services
 - within a reasonable distance
 - Within a reasonable timeframe



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... Encourage Collaboration

- Encourage collaborative solutions
 - local and regional
 - service provision and governance



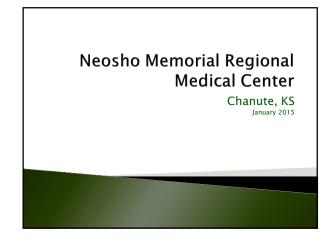
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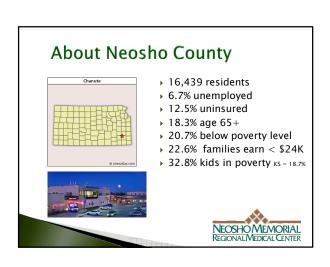












About Neosho Memorial



- Provides care to 42,000 residents in four counties
- Largest Critical Access Hospital in Kansas
- ▶ County-owned
- Largest employer in the area (397)
- Provides \$1.42 million in charity care in 2014



Regional Leader



- ▶ 19.7 Average daily census
- 330 Babies delivered
- ▶ 1,816 Inpatients
- → 2,417 Surgeries
- ▶ 10,214 Emergency visits
- > 26,500 Outpatient visits
- 36 Industry awards



Additional Services



- Rural Health Clinic
- Women's Health Clinic
- Orthopedic Clinic
- Visiting Specialty Clinics
- Rehab & Fitness Center
- ▶ Home Health/Hospice
- Ambulance Service for Neosho County



Economic Driver

- → Hospital payroll \$18.5 million
- ▶ Hospital capital investments \$40.9 million (over 10 yrs.)

Entire Healthcare Sector in Neosho County Including physicians, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, & other non-hospital businesses

- Accounts for 10.5% labor force
- Generates\$64 million

(in direct income, retail sales plus county wide multiplier effect)

