

YOUR PLAN TO PROTECT RURAL HEALTH

The Pennsylvania General Assembly and Shapiro administration can safeguard access to lifesaving health care for rural Pennsylvania communities **TODAY**.

Hospitals and stakeholders are working on a long-term, viable, and sustainable plan.

They can't do this alone.

Legislative Lifelines



Pass legislation that supports rural communities

- **SB 817** Increase preceptors to expand the workforce
- **SB 739** Assure coverage for telemedicine
- **SB 606 & HB 22** Help emergency departments
- **SB 445 & HB 24** Connect behavioral health to primary care
- **SB 25 & HB 1835** Maximize the reach of APPs, CRNPs
- **HB 849** Fund behavioral health services
- **HB 155** Eliminate red tape to hire home care workers
- **Fund EMS**
- **Define 'Rural Emergency Hospital'**

Regulatory Relief



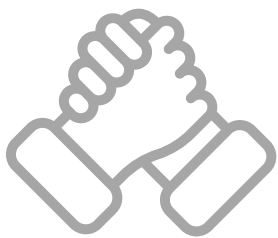
15 outdated hospital regulations

that hinder modern care delivery in rural settings

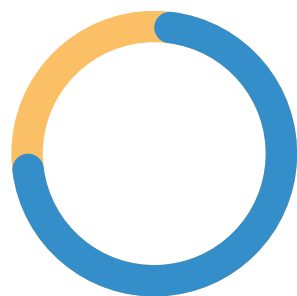
Eliminate administrative mandates that have no impact on patient care

Allow qualified advanced practice professionals to take on additional duties

Budgetary Support



Fund rural hospitals in the 24/25 state budget



\$25 m state General Fund investment

+ **\$55 m** federal dollars leveraged

\$80 million for rural hospitals

Supporting Rural Hospitals Means

- ✓ More access to health care
- ✓ Faster emergency response
- ✓ Better health outcomes
- ✓ Greater economic stability

1 in 4

rural hospitals is operating in the red



\$149.3 million

total operating losses of 8 rural hospitals



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