As the largest employer in many rural Michigan communities, hospitals and health systems play a crucial role in the economic vibrancy of the state. Healthcare careers provide stable, good paying jobs in an environment that helps and positively impacts lives every day.

81,000 Total direct jobs in rural Michigan from healthcare.

$7.6 billion Total in wages, salaries and benefits earned by direct healthcare workers in rural Michigan.

121,000 Total workers in and associated with the healthcare sector in rural Michigan.

$1.4 billion Contribution in local, state and federal taxes from all rural healthcare-affiliated workers.

Issues Impacting Rural Healthcare

Healthcare Workforce Shortages
Infringements on Protections for 340B Covered Entities
Lack of Behavioral Health Access
Nearly two million Michigan residents live in rural areas of the state, which account for almost 94% of the state's land mass, including most of the norther Lower Peninsula and all the Upper Peninsula. Rural hospitals and health systems are frequently tasked with caring for our state's most vulnerable patients, many of whom are older, sicker and less affluent compared to their urban counterparts.