

Closed Inpatient Medical/Surgical Acute Care Hospitals 1998

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For the purposes of this study, hospitals were considered closed if they were no longer accepting patients for acute inpatient medical or surgical care. Several of the hospitals identified to be closed for medical/surgical services retained their licensure for other types of inpatient care including psychiatric or rehabilitative care. Data on medical/surgical acute care hospitals that closed in 1998 were obtained primarily through telephone calls to the state hospital associations in all fifty states and data from the Health Care Financing Agency (HCFA) OSCAR Database. The OSCAR database includes information on all hospitals that terminated in the HCFA system. If the hospital association in a state did not collect information on closures, the state hospital licensing agency was called to obtain hospital closure information. For any hospitals where there was a discrepancy between data sources, the hospital licensure agency in the state was called to verify closure. For all closed hospitals, at least two of the three possible data sources confirmed the closure.

The phone numbers of the closed hospitals were called to further verify closure and obtain information on whether any services had been retained in the hospital building or if the building had been converted to another type of facility. If the hospital's number had been disconnected, other sources in the community, such as physicians offices or the company previously owning the hospital, were contacted to confirm closure and identify whether any services were being provided in the closed hospital

building. Conversion of the closed hospital to an alternate facility, such as an outpatient clinic, or retention of services previously provided in the closed hospital may reduce the impact of closure by maintaining access to certain medical services [McKay et al, 1993]. Eleven rural hospitals and twenty-four urban hospitals were closed in 1998.

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State	Hospital	City	Type of hospital	Rural or Urban	Beds	Conversion Status
CA	Bloss Memorial Hospital	Atwater	District	Urban	23	Outpatient clinics remain open
CA	Del Puerto Hospital	Patterson	District	Urban	30	The ambulance service remains open
CA	Friendly Hills Regional Medical Center	LaHabra	For-profit	Urban	140	Urgent care, radiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy still operating after closure
CA	Long Beach Doctors Hospital	Long Beach	For-profit	Urban	43	No services are operating in the hospital building
CA	Medical Center of North Hollywood	North Hollywood	For-profit	Urban	150	Remains empty
CA	Pacifica Care Center	Huntington Beach	For-profit	Urban	83	No services are operating in the hospital building
CA	South Bay Hospital	Redondo Beach	For-profit	Urban	160	Outpatient Clinic
CT	St. Josephs Medical Center	Stamford	Non-profit	Urban	147	A new urgent care clinic was opened; the following services were retained after closure: family medicine center; wound care center, inpatient and outpatient rehab, heart institute, pulmonary services, outpatient diagnostics
FL	Everglades Regional Medical Center	Pahokee	Non-profit	Urban	63	The company that owned the hospital is still providing ambulance services to the area, no additional services were retained
FL	Florida Medical Center South	Plantation	For-profit	Urban	127	The hospital was owned by Tenet Health Care and is now up for sale
ID	Silver Valley Medical Center	Silverton	District	Rural	23	Filed bankruptcy, the hospital is up for sale; was Henry Day Hospital that closed in 91 and reopened as silver mountain
LA	Welsh General Hospital	Welsh	City	Rural	128	Was a hospital w/nursing home, nursing home remains open
MI	Morenci Area Medical Center	Morenci	City	Urban	18	Still has outpatient services

MN	Forest Lake District Memorial Hospital	Forest Lake	District	Urban	44	This hospital and next 2 hospitals merged into one new hospital - Fairview Hospital in Wyoming; Forest Lake still has outpatient services
MN	Chisago City Hospital	Chisago City	Non-profit	Urban	89	Out patient services and nursing facility remained open
MN	Rush City Hospital	Rush City	City	Urban	29	An outpatient clinic was located next to the hospital and moved into the hospital building after closure.
NE	Legend-Butte Health Services	Crawford	City	Rural	10	Rural health clinic remains open
NE	*Humboldt Community Memorial Hospital	Humboldt	Non-profit	Rural	20	Rural health clinic remains open
NM	Plains Regional Medical Center	Portales	Non-profit	Rural	84	Outpatient lab, x-ray and nursing facility remained open
OH	Peoples Hospital	Mansfield	Non-profit	Urban	45	Behavior Health inpatient and outpatient still open
OH	Piqua Medical Center	Piqua	Non-profit	Urban	85	Merged with the hospital below (Stouder Memorial), opened a new hospital in Troy - Upper Valley Medical Center; The hospital building is vacant, the corporation that owns the bldg is looking into options for future use
OH	Stouder Memorial Hospital	Troy	Non-profit	Urban	131	Merged with Piqua Medical Center, The hospital building is vacant, the corporation that owns the bldg is looking into options for future use
OK	Wetumka General Hospital	Wetumka	District	Rural	22	Chemical dependency unit remains open
OR	Cottage Grove Healthcare Community Hospital	Cottage Grove	Non-profit	Urban	67	No services are being provided; several corporations are looking at the hospital for potential conversion to emergency services/urgent care
SD	Southern Hills General Hospital	Hot Springs	Non-profit	Rural	60	Outpatient clinic and physical therapy services remain open
TX	Lifecare Medical Art Hospital	Dallas	For-profit	Urban	30	Building bought by Lifecare Specialty Hospital, provides long term acute care
TX	Columbia Doctors Hospital - Airline	Houston	For-profit	Urban	114	No services are being provided
TX	Palo Duro Hospital	Canyon	District	Urban	49	Bought by a university, will be used for classes
TX	Methodist Women's and Children's Hospital	San Antonio	For-profit	Urban	150	Women and childrens services were relocated to other Methodist facility in San Antonio; no services are being provided in the original facility
TX	Lakes Regional Medical Center	Jasper	For-profit	Rural	35	Empty but was purchased by another corporation and may reopen

TN	St. Joseph's Hospital	Memphis	Non-profit	Urban	402	Purchased by St. Jude's Children's hospital, they have not moved in yet so the hospital remains empty
TN	Johnson County Hospital	Mountain City	Non-profit	Rural	65	Now an ambulatory care center
VA	Wise Appalachian Hospital	Wise	Non-profit	Rural	67	No services are being provided in the hospital building
VA	Norfolk Community Hospital	Norfolk	Non-profit	Urban	103	Hospital has been turned into an office building, some of the office are rented by physicians
WI	Northwoods Hospital	Phelps	Non-profit	Rural	99	Outpatient clinic, pharmacy and nursing facility units still open. Hospital beds are being renovated and will be part of the nursing facility

* State licensing agency confirmed that this hospital discontinued Medicare certified and is not accepting acute care medical/surgical patients. However, the hospital did renew their state certification for 1999.

Data sources: Hospital closure information was obtained from state hospital associations, HCFA and/or state licensing agencies

Type of hospital, number of beds and rural/urban information was obtained from AHA guides

Conversion status was obtained from either the state hospital association or a call to the closed hospital number (phone numbers were obtained from 1997 and 1998 AHA guides).

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