

Envision Healthcare

PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY CARE IN
AMERICA'S RURAL COMMUNITIES

Patients in rural areas are entitled to the same standard of care as those living in more urban areas. Unfortunately, the obstacles clinicians and their patients face in rural areas are substantially different than those in urban areas.

According to the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), limited access to clinicians in rural areas poses a challenge to rural healthcare. The table below depicts the struggles patients in rural areas face compared to their urban counterparts. For example, rural settings have a higher percentage of older and more financially challenged patients but have significantly fewer physicians, specialists and resources to care for patients.

By the Numbers: Healthcare Challenges in Rural America

National Rural Healthcare Snapshot	Rural	Urban
Percentage of population	19%	81%
Number of physicians per 10,000 people	13	31
Number of specialists per 100,000 people	30	263
Population aged 65 and older	18%	12%
Adults who describe health status as fair/poor	19%	15%
Percentage of dual-eligible Medicare beneficiaries	30%	70%
Percentage covered by Medicaid	16%	13%

Source: Health Resources and Services Administration and Rural Health Information Hub

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WORKING TO CLOSE THE RURAL HEALTHCARE GAP

Ensuring the Highest Quality of Care in America's Rural Communities

Envision Healthcare is committed to providing patients in rural communities the same high-quality care that Americans have access to in urban communities.

Envision clinicians are dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of America's communities and they understand the unique challenges their practice settings present and how best to care for patients' needs. For example, patients in rural areas often face variable resources and travel longer distances to receive higher levels of care at trauma, cardiac and stroke centers. Supporting the delivery of high-quality care in a rural setting requires the proper infrastructure, which includes community-focused recruiting and strong local leadership.



ENVISION PROVIDES HIGH-QUALITY CARE TO MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OF ALL RURAL HOSPITALS IN THE U.S.

To ensure patients receive high-quality, cost-effective care, regardless of their geographic location, Envision Healthcare works across the system with its physicians to:



Orient clinicians to the dynamics, unique needs and priorities of the hospital and community before they enter the practice.



Focus on spending more quality time with patients and family members to enhance the patient experience.



Work collaboratively with hospitals to reduce the risk of potential issues.



Utilize electronic health records as efficiently as possible and reduce wait times and readmissions.



Maximize efficiency in terms of time management, resource utilization and clinical decision making.