

PHYSICIAN-LED HOSPITALS

In recent years, Congress has spent significant time studying and attempting to address healthcare consolidation.

AAOS has endorsed the *Physician Led and Rural Access to Quality Care Act (H.R. 2191/S. 1390)* and encourages bipartisan support along with swift passage. This legislation allows physician ownership of rural hospitals and allows existing grandfathered physician-led hospitals to meet the needs of their communities by expanding.



Physician-led hospitals ensure patients receive the highest quality care at the lowest cost.

Over the past few years, studies have demonstrated that physician-led hospitals provide higher-quality care across patient populations at lower costs when compared to traditional hospitals. Unfortunately, physicians are prohibited from having any ownership stake in the hospitals they are best equipped to operate, and existing physician-led hospitals are prohibited from expanding. This ban removes physician-led hospitals as a source of the market-based competition required to prevent further consolidation. It also limits an option for bringing more care to rural America.



Rural hospitals provide essential healthcare services to millions of Americans but continue to face immense financial pressures and workforce shortages that threaten their viability.

Statutory restrictions on who can own hospitals artificially limit options for rescuing a hospital on the cusp of closure. Lifting the physician ownership ban would allow physician-led hospitals to increase access to emergency and inpatient care in these underserved rural communities.

WHAT AAOS MEMBERS CAN DO



Ask your Member of Congress to support physician-led hospitals in rural and underserved areas.

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