

CRITICAL CARE HOSPITALS

Pacific County's FIFTH AND SEVENTH LARGEST EMPLOYERS Ocean Beach Hospital and Willapa Harbor Hospital Each facing possible \$1.2 Million in revenue losses, cuts could force a closure

Pacific County Demographics

Unemployment Rate— 10.3%, 9/2011
 Labor Force—8,750, 9/2011
 20,920 population
 57% of Pacific County Residence are 45 and older
 ~ 25- 33 mile commute to nearest hospitals

Pacific County Health Indicators

Average life expectancy—76.5
 Over 1/3 of household have income less than 200% of poverty
 21% of adults have no medical insurance
 Rates of diabetes, heart disease and stroke in Pacific County are higher than the state average
 18% of 10th grade students smoke

Hospitals Support

320 jobs above Pacific County's average wage of \$12.44 with benefits
 ~\$21.3 million in annual salaries
 ~ 95% Live within 30 miles
 ~ 55% Own Homes

Services Provided

Surgical Department	Medical/Surgical Unit	Emergency Room
Laboratory/Pathology	Radiology	Respiratory Care
		Telemedicine

Economic Impacts

Loss of ~ \$25.3 million in payroll from loss of 448 jobs (direct and in-direct)
Loss of ~ \$566,500 to County schools
Loss of ~ \$96,000 community benefits to charitable organizations
Loss of ~ \$4 million to businesses
Cost of ~ \$1.6 million to EMS, for transport to nearest out-of-county hospital
 (does not reflect any reimbursement that may be received.)
Negative impacts to overall County's assessed values with excessive number of homes on the market

Cuts to our Hospitals will threaten not just employment, but OUR COMMUNITY'S SAFETY AND WELFARE. Jeopardizing the quality of life for our county. Potential, we could be faced with increased loss of life.

Please show your support by writing or calling our Legislators on the value our Critical Access Hospitals represents to your community and county.

EXAMPLE TEXT:

“The Health Care Authority’s recent list of proposed cuts includes eliminating the Critical Access payments to hospitals for Medicaid patients. This will be catastrophic to rural hospitals and the people we serve” The proposed cut for Willapa Harbor Hospital would result in a yearly loss of more than \$1 million in Medicaid payments and a \$1.4 million in Medicaid payments for Ocean Beach Hospital. These cuts would be disastrous to our hospitals in Pacific County and the communities.

Please make preserving Critical Access Hospital funding a high priority as you develop the state's budget. This funding is a lifeline for many of our small rural hospitals . Without it, hospitals will be forced to cut services and lay off staff or close, which will have a major impact on our local economies. There will be a tremendous impact on our rural residents who will have to travel further for care and whose health will suffer as a result. Our state benefits from a strong network of hospitals working together to ensure appropriate care to every patient. Our entire health care system will suffer without this important source of care.

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