

## Rural Health Care

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Arizona 360 Host Vanessa Barchfield interviews Dr. Daniel Derksen, Director of the Arizona Center for Rural Health about rural hospital closures.

“Across the country there have been 85 rural hospital closures since 2010,” Dr. Derksen explained. “I’d say our most vulnerable hospitals are the smaller hospitals. These are the ones with a federal designation of critical access hospital...25 beds or less... 35 miles or more from another facility... having a 24-hours a day, 7 days a week emergency department. These often form the critical infrastructure in our smallest, most rural communities in Arizona.”

