

SITE-NEUTRAL

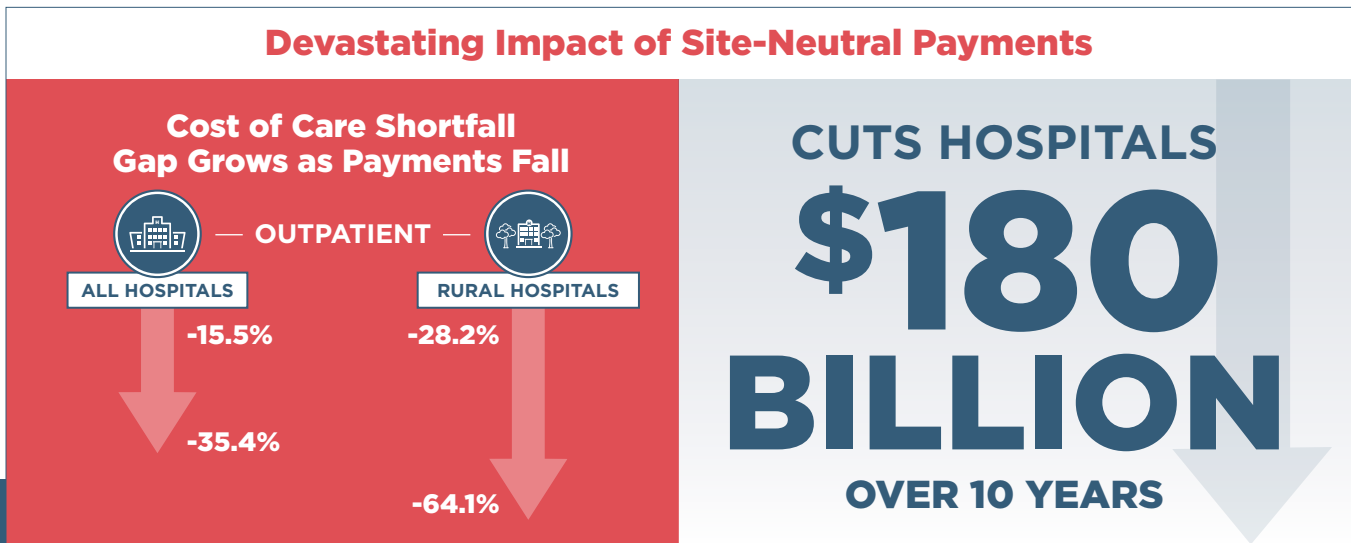


MEDICARE CUTS

So called “site-neutral” cuts jeopardize access to care for patients and communities, and undermine the safety net.

These ill-conceived policies cut Medicare payments for hospital care in order to match payment rates for ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) and physician practices. Hospitals, unlike these other settings, provide 24/7 care, treat sicker patients, and have stricter compliance standards.

Devastating Impact of Site-Neutral Payments



Hospitals, ASCs and Physician Practices Provide Different Types of Patient Care

	Hospitals	ASCs	Physician Practices
24/7/365	✓	✗	✗
Emergency Department	✓	✗	✗
Trauma Care	✓	✗	✗
Disaster Response	✓	✗	✗

HOSPITAL MEDICARE PATIENTS ARE SICKER, LOWER INCOME, MORE DIVERSE

1.8x

more likely to be **dually eligible** for Medicare and Medicaid

1.5x

more likely to be **Black or Hispanic**

1.6x

more likely to be **under 65 and disabled**

1.8x

more likely to have at least one major **complication/comorbidity**

SOURCES:

AHA analysis of Site Neutral Proposal in MedPAC June 2022 Report
 AHA letter to MedPAC, December 2021
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