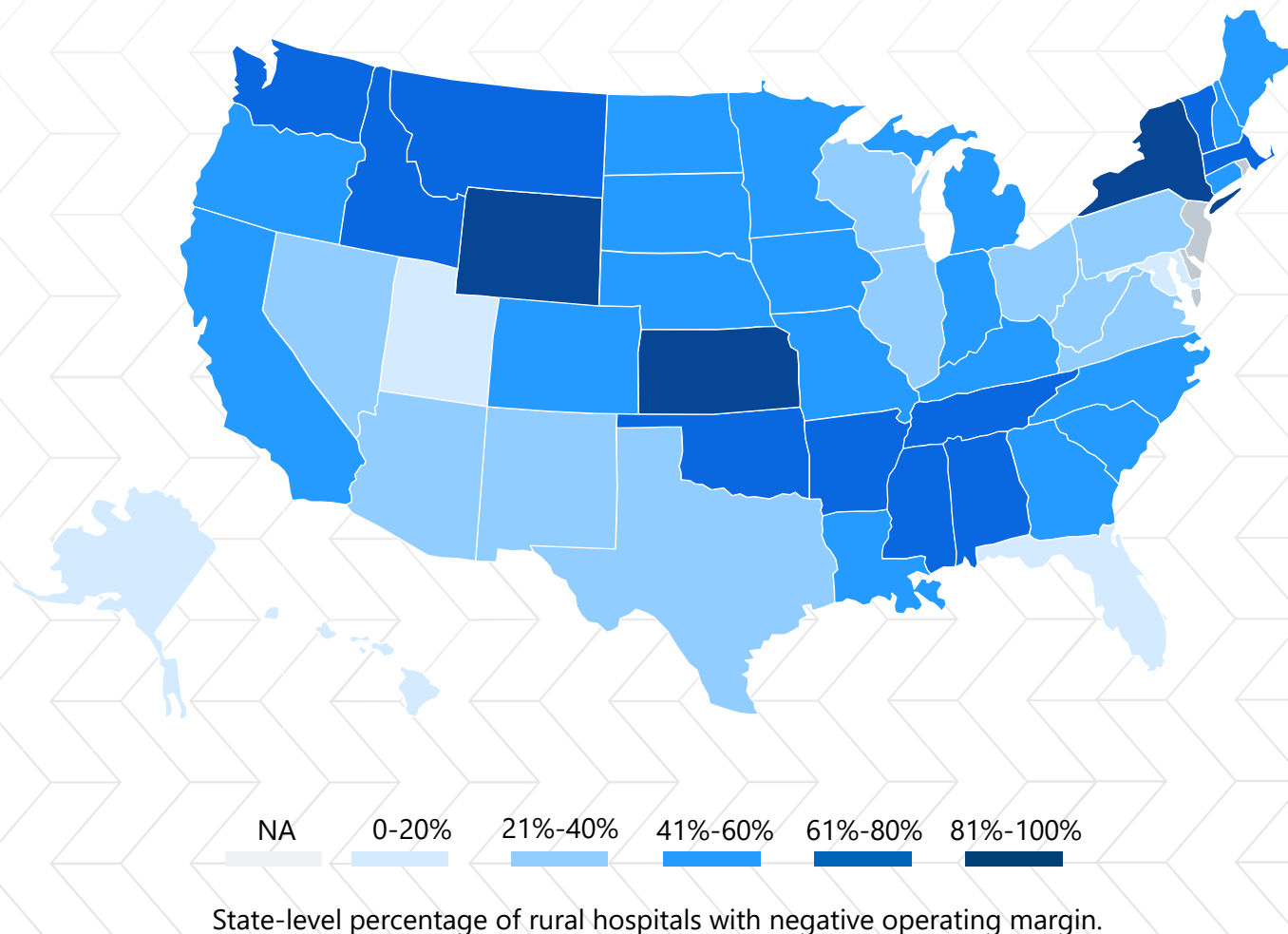
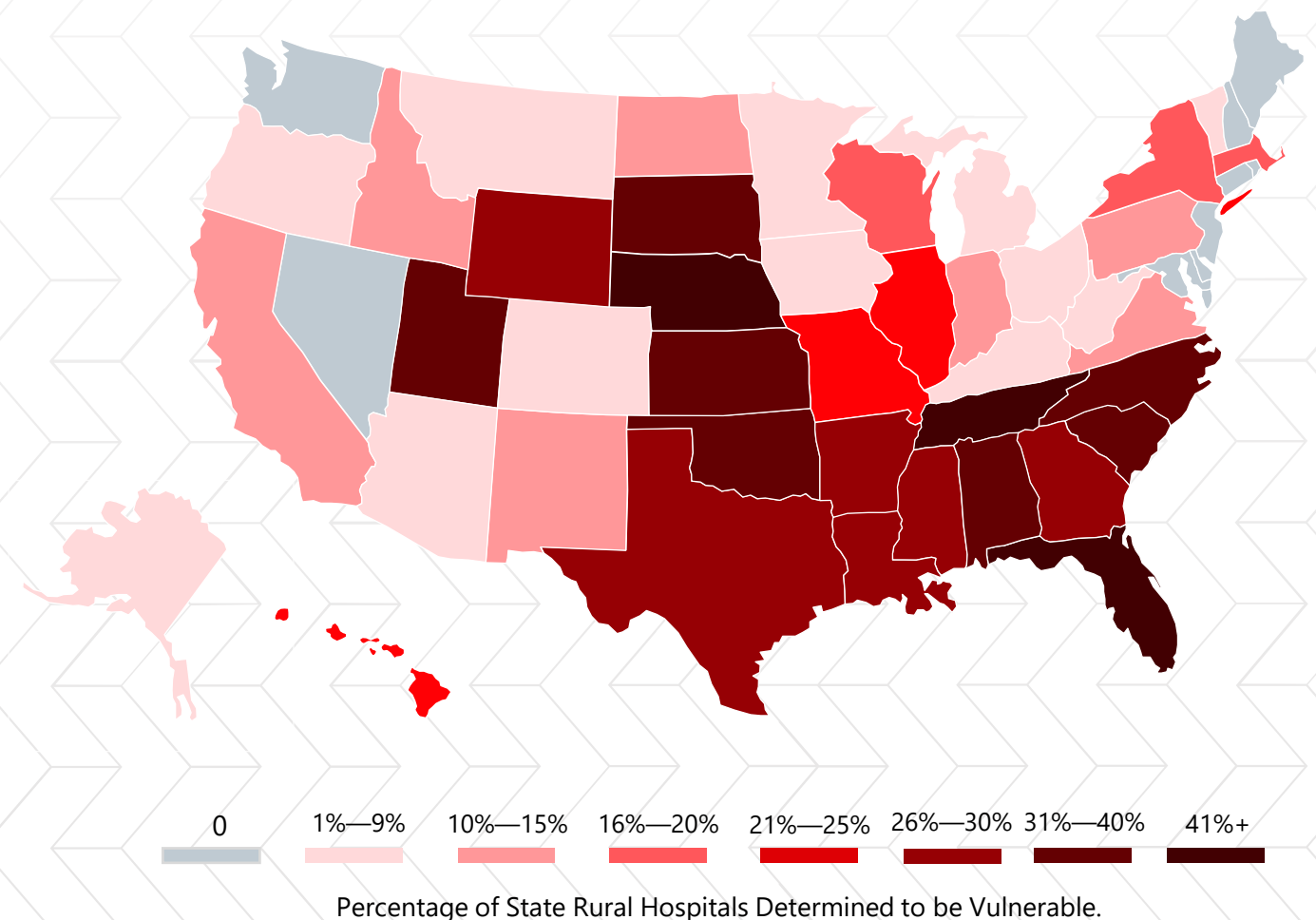


Today, **50%** of America's **rural hospitals are operating in the red**, including **55%** of rural facilities **in states yet to adopt or implement Medicaid expansion\***. According to Chartis research, **418 rural hospitals** in the country are **vulnerable to closure**.

### Operating Margin



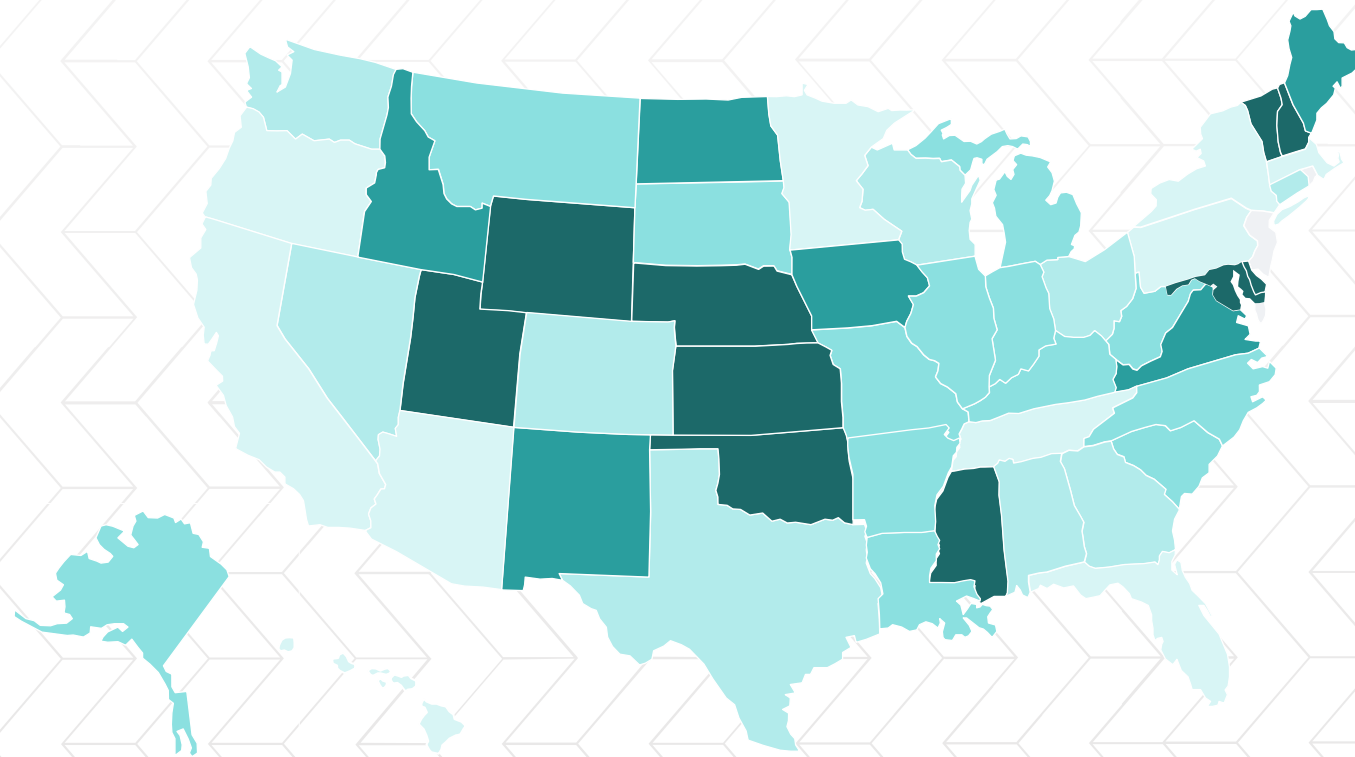
### Vulnerability



\*CMS Healthcare Cost Report Information System (HCRIS) Q3 2023. Operating margin is computed in accordance with Flex Monitoring Team guidance. Outliers are excluded. Hospitals for which data are unavailable are excluded. Reported Covid-19 PHE Funds (Worksheet G-3 line 24,50) excluded from operating margin. Adjustments made to operating margin to reflect full 2% sequester.

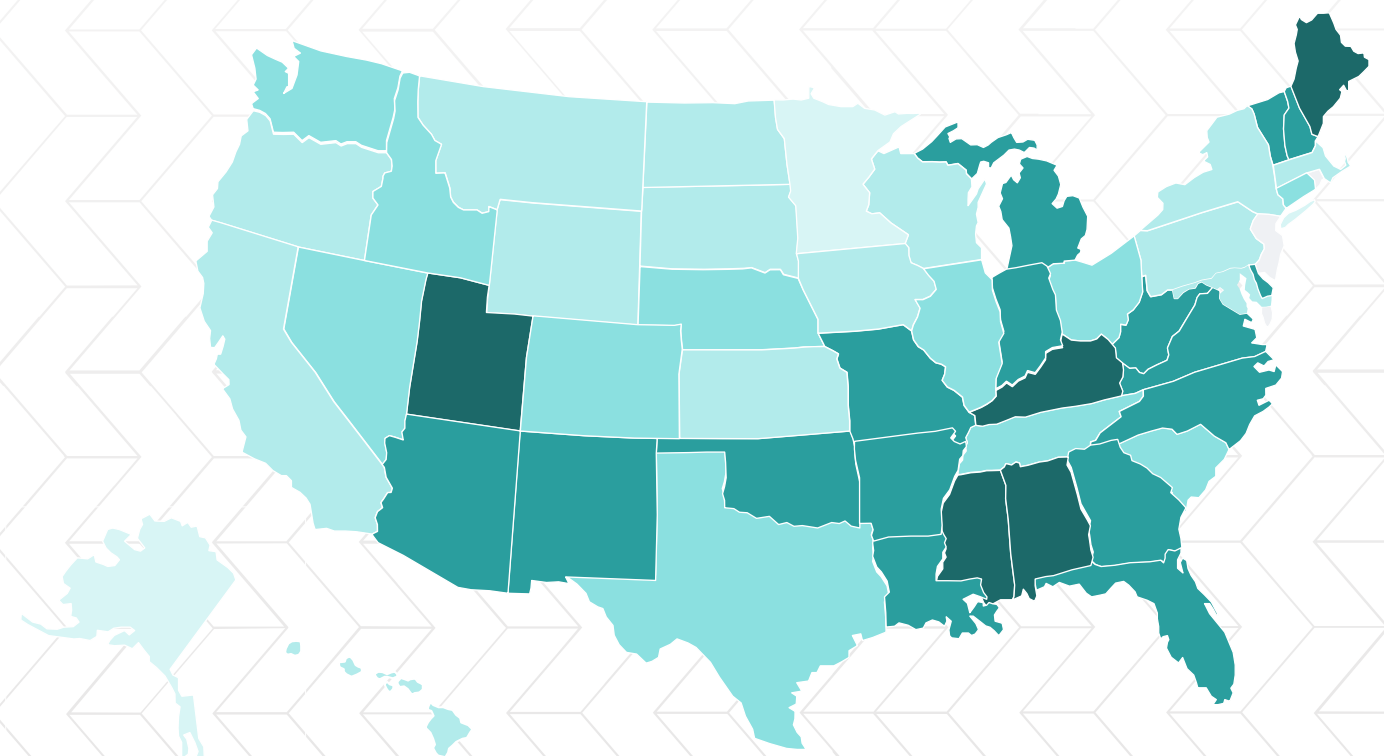
Nationally, Medicare Advantage now accounts for **35%** of **all Medicare-eligible patients in rural communities**. In **7 states**, Medicare Advantage **penetration exceeds 50%**.

### Enrollment



Percentage growth of Medicare Advantage enrollees in rural communities between 2019 and 2023.

### Penetration



Percentage growth of Medicare Advantage penetration in rural communities between 2019 and 2023.