

42 hospitals closing departments or ending services

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A number of healthcare organizations have recently closed medical departments or ended services at facilities to shore up finances, focus on more in-demand services or address staffing shortages. Here are 42 closures or services ending, announced, advanced or finalized that *Becker's* has reported since Feb. 2.

1. Hartford City, Ind.-based **IU Health Blackford Hospital** will close its emergency department and no longer offer inpatient services due to a reduction in patient volume
2. The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board on June 27 unanimously approved a request from **HSHS St. Mary's Hospital** to shutter four of its units. The Decatur, Ill.-based hospital will wrap up its advanced inpatient rehabilitation, obstetrics and newborn nursery, pediatrics and inpatient behavioral health services.
3. Albany, N.Y.-based St. Peter's Health Partners submitted a plan to the state Department of Health to shut down the maternity unit at **Samaritan Hospital**. If approved, the Troy, N.Y., hospital will close the unit in about four to six months.
4. Jackson, Miss.-based **St. Dominic Health Services** is ending its behavioral health services unit, citing financial difficulties. The unit stopped taking admissions after June 6.
5. Fort Wayne, Ind.-based **Lutheran Hospital** is closing its heart transplant and inpatient burn units due to low patient volumes. Effective June 2, the inpatient burn unit is no longer accepting new patients.
6. Worcester, Mass.-based UMass Memorial Health plans to close the maternity ward at its **HealthAlliance-Clinton Hospital** on Sept. 22 due to staff shortages and a declining number of births in the area.
7. Vancouver, Wash.-based **PeaceHealth** will close its pediatric cardiology clinic, sleep clinic, optometry clinic and optical shop on July 21. It also ended its comprehensive outpatient palliative care May 26 and reduced staff to one nurse and one social worker for in-home care.
8. Milwaukee-based Froedtert closed the behavioral health unit at **Froedtert Menomonee Falls (Wis.)** on May 12.
9. **Welch (W.Va.) Community Hospital** is looking to close its long-term care unit. The closure of the 59-bed unit is part of the hospital's transition to the West Virginia University Health System.
10. Peoria, Ill.-based OSF HealthCare is closing its labor and delivery services at **OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center** in Urbana, Ill. Starting in September, labor and delivery patients will be redirected to OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville, Ill. or OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Ill.
11. **Northern Maine Medical Center** in Fort Kent closed its obstetrics unit May 26. The move comes as birth rates decline in the area along with staffing trouble.
12. Philadelphia-based Jefferson Health will end acute care, general surgery and emergency services at **Einstein Medical Center Elkins Park (Pa.)** and convert the facility solely into a physical rehabilitation provider. The emergency room at Einstein Elkins Park will cease operations June 30. Acute care and surgical and emergency services will transition to Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia and Jefferson Abington (Pa.) Hospital.
13. CoxHealth plans to close the labor and delivery unit at **Cox (Mo.) Monett Hospital** by July 1, citing difficulties recruiting obstetricians and family practice physicians.
14. Warsaw, N.Y.-based **Wyoming County Community Health System** ended its birthing services June 1 amid financial challenges and declining births in the area.
15. **Alta Vista Regional Hospital** in Las Vegas, N.M., ended intensive care unit services, effective June 3. The hospital said the change will allow it to focus on its highly utilized medical-surgical unit.
16. Springfield, Ore.-based **McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center** is slated to close its maternity health practice July 7. The for-profit McKenzie-Willamette hospital 11-employee midwifery program is "unsustainable."
17. Renton, Wash.-based Providence ended labor and delivery at **Petaluma (Calif.) Valley Hospital** effective May 1 until further notice.
18. Gardner, Mass.-based **Heywood Hospital** closed its pulmonary unit in mid-April due to financial reasons.
19. **Yale New Haven (Conn.) Hospital** "ceased use" of its emergency use annex April 11 amid discussions to extend its certificate of occupancy.

20. **Chelsea (Mich.) Hospital** is closing its inpatient behavioral health unit and moving 12 of its beds to Trinity Health Ann Arbor.
21. Danbury, Conn.-based Nuvance Health closed **Thompson House**, a 100-bed rehabilitation facility in Rhinebeck, N.Y., and laid off its 102 employees, effective April 12.
22. Holly Springs, Miss.-based **Alliance HealthCare System** is transitioning to rural emergency hospital status, meaning it will end all inpatient care services.
23. **MercyOne North Iowa** closed its hospice facility in Mason City on April 17 amid industry pressures of inflation and high labor costs.
24. Brewer, Maine-based **Northern Light Health** is no longer providing cataract, glaucoma and oculoplastic surgeries at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.
25. Plymouth, Ind.-based **St. Joseph Health System** is closing its New Beginnings Birthplace center because it has been unable to attract an obstetrician. It also closed its OB-GYN office March 31.
26. The **Miami Transplant Institute** abruptly halted its adult heart transplant program until further notice. The institute — which is jointly run by Miami-based Jackson Health System and the University of Miami's UHealth — shut the program voluntarily and temporarily to undergo review by the United Network for Organ Sharing.
27. Springfield, Mass.-based **Baystate Health** and medical services provider **Shields Health** closed their urgent care clinic locations in Feeding Hills, Longmeadow and Westfield, Mass., on March 31.
28. **Palomar Medical Center Poway (Calif.)**, part of Escondido, Calif.-based Palomar Health, will close its labor and delivery unit in June, at least temporarily.
29. A combination of a loss of pediatricians, changing demographics and some of the strictest abortion laws in the country is forcing Sandpoint, Idaho-based **Bonner General Hospital** to stop delivering babies.
30. **Cabell Huntington (W.Va.) Hospital**, part of Mountain Health Network, closed its CHH Surgery Center, effective April 28, and is phasing out its home health services to better align its resources and reduce costs amid financial headwinds.
31. The only hospital in Manitowoc, Wis., a city of nearly 35,000 — **Froedtert Holy Family Memorial Hospital** — stopped all obstetrics care on June 1.
32. Citing a lack of provider coverage, Ocean Springs, Miss.-based **Singing River Health System** said it will end obstetric services, which include labor and delivery, at Singing River Gulfport (Miss.), at least temporarily. The move became effective April 1.
33. **Astria Toppenish (Wash.) Hospital** is one of many rural hospitals closing labor and delivery care due to costs, creating maternity deserts in areas that need care most, *The New York Times* reported.
34. Cleveland-based **University Hospitals** ended labor and delivery services at UH Lake West in Willoughby, Ohio, effective April 15. Services will be consolidated at TriPoint in Concord Township, which is about 15 miles away.
35. Jefferson, Mo.-based **Capital Region Medical Center** closed two clinics in Holts Summit and St. Elizabeth, Mo., effective April 15.
36. **Trinity Health Muskegon (Mich.)** plans to temporarily close a 30-bed surgical floor due to staffing shortages.
37. **St. Mark's Medical Center** in La Grange, Texas, is cutting nearly half its staff and various services as it looks to survive amid significant financial challenges. Service cuts include inpatient and surgical services, post-acute skilled rehab care, its orthopedic clinic, speech therapy and ambulatory care.
38. OhioHealth's **Shelby Hospital** no longer provides maternity services as of Feb. 28. Maternity services are provided 13 miles away at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital.
39. Arcata, Calif.-based **Mad River Community Hospital** is cutting 27 jobs as it suspends its home health services program. The program will be suspended upon the completion of services to the hospital's existing patients, which was expected to be in April.
40. **Oroville (Calif.) Hospital** is closing Golden Valley Home Health, the hospital's home health business.
41. **Ascension Providence Hospital-Southfield (Mich.)** ended midwifery services at the end of February.
42. **Rumford (Maine) Hospital** closed its maternity program March 31 after 97 years in service.