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**To:** Anthony Keck [KECK@scdhhs.gov](mailto:KECK@scdhhs.gov)  
**Date:** 1/4/2013 3:36:36 AM  
**Subject:** RE: DSH costs - Ott: Rural hospitals will close without ACA expansion

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When do you wanna catch-up on this? I've got some time late morning/early afternoon, and then again around the end of the day, if anything in those windows works. Thanks.

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2013 1:11 PM  
**To:** Bryan Kost; Deirdra Singleton; Ruth Johnson  
**Cc:** Soura, Christian; Baker, Josh  
**Subject:** Re: DSH costs - Ott: Rural hospitals will close without ACA expansion

I had initially thought we'd wait till 2015 to reimburse all hospitals 100% ucc once the uninsured rate fell by our projected 71%. But since we will have excess DSH money beginning in 2014 - instead of raising the current ucc reimbursement average from 57% for all hospital to something like 75% for all hospitals we could do 100% for rurals and 65-70% for all others.

Let's discuss.

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**From:** Bryan Kost  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2013 1:02:37 PM  
**To:** Anthony Keck  
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**From:** Jeff Saxon  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2013 12:32:41 PM  
**To:** Bryan Kost  
**Subject:** RE: FROM TONY KECK .....FW: Ott: Rural hospitals will close without ACA expansion

Yes I can and based upon the 19 hospitals that we have defined as rural for rate/DSH reduction exemptions and based upon the FFY 2012 DSH interim payment calculations, it would take approximately \$20.8 million total dollars to fully fund the uncompensated DSH costs that have not been covered by their FFY 2012 DSH payments (\$48.8 million - \$28.0 million = \$20.8 million).

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**From:** Bryan Kost  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 03, 2013 11:24 AM  
**To:** Jeff Saxon  
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Can you answer this?

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From: Anthony Keck  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 11:23 AM  
To: Bryan Kost; Jennifer Lynch; Deirdra Singleton; Kim Cox; Brooke Bailey; Monique McDaniels  
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Please ask saxon how much additional cost there would be to fully fund rural hospitals uncompensated care beyond what we do now - ithe difference between our current 57% or so and 100%

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From: Bryan Kost  
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2013 11:17:52 AM  
To: Jennifer Lynch; Deirdra Singleton; Anthony Keck; Kim Cox; Brooke Bailey; Monique McDaniels  
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I am not at the Press Association's Legislative Day, but my Twitter (Post and Courier) says Ott is claiming hospys will close without ACA expansion.

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