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Hi to you all too!

I wrote a fairly long article a couple years ago about rural hospitals in South Carolina and some of the programs that Director Keck was putting in place to make sure they wouldn't close. Here's a link to that story: <http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140503/PC16/140509822/1177/allendale-county-hospital-struggles-with-same-problems-facing-most-rural-hospitals>

In the past year, though, three rural hospitals have shut their doors (one of them – in Williamsburg – closed because of flooding, but I've been told it's uncertain if they will re-open it as a full-scale hospital.) Marlboro Park and Barnwell also closed.

Obviously, the biggest concern is access to emergency care. I want to talk to the governor about the role the state can or should play to ensure that residents can get to the ER if they need to.

Thanks for your help.

Lauren

From: Godfrey, Rob [mailto:RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov]
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Lauren!

Thanks for the note. We haven't heard from you in forever.

Chaney will be back in touch about the governor's availability. In the meantime, what do you want to talk to her about when it comes to rural hospital?

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Rob and Chaney,

I'm working on an article about rural hospitals for Sunday. Does the governor have 10 minutes to answer a few questions this week? My deadline to turn the story in is noon Friday.

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