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Kentucky has the 15th worst healthcare shortage

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According to a recent study by a Florida personal injury firm, Kentucky ranks 15th nationwide for healthcare shortage risk.

The research team at FHV Legal (<https://www.fhvlegal.com/>) analyzed data from three key sources to determine its findings: Data from the Health Resources and Services Administration for provider adequacy metrics, the Kaiser Family Foundation for hospital infrastructure metrics, and the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey, and ranked the U.S. states based on healthcare shortages using seven metrics.

"When healthcare shortages limit access to qualified providers, patients may face delayed diagnoses, longer wait times, or inadequate treatment," said Daniel Harwin, ESQ, Medical Malpractice Attorney and Partner at FHV Legal. "These systemic gaps can increase the risk of medical errors and adverse outcomes, making it essential for patients to understand their rights if they experience substandard care due to workforce limitations."

Kentucky finished with a score of 72.64, with 60% in Family Medicine Physician Adequacy, 134% in Nurse Practitioners Adequacy, 75% in Emergency Medicine Physician Adequacy, 81% in Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician Adequacy, 3.15 Hospital Beds Per 1K Population, 22.90 Hospitals Per 1M Population, and 25.62 Individuals Who Experience Medication or Other Critical Supply Shortage in the Past 30 Days.

Those numbers show the state faces a severe family medicine physician shortage, tied with Tennessee for one of the worst primary care shortages in the nation. While having a strong nurse practitioner surplus (34% above what's needed), Kentucky also struggles with emergency medicine physician adequacy (a 25% shortage) and obstetrics and gynecology physician adequacy (a 19% shortage).

The Bluegrass State has exceptional hospital infrastructure. It's 3.15 hospital beds per 1,000 residents, which is well above the U.S. average of 2.32, and the 22.90 hospitals per 1 million residents are significantly above the U.S. average of 14.80. A total of

25.62% of residents reported experiencing a medication or critical supply shortage in the past 30 days, which places the state well above the U.S. average of 23.29%. Kentucky is behind Alabama (5th), Virginia (6th), and Tennessee (14th) among Southern and Appalachian states for healthcare shortages, but ahead of West Virginia (29th) and Georgia (19th).

Nevada was ranked No. 1, followed by New Jersey, Florida, Arizona, Alabama, Virginia, South Carolina, Oregon, California, and North Carolina in the top 10.

According to the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM), multiple factors like an aging population and rising chronic disease rates, difficulty in recruiting and retaining healthcare workers, especially in rural areas, uneven provider distribution across states, burnout, and financial pressures are driving healthcare workforce shortages.

Provider adequacy percentages represent the ratio of healthcare professionals to population need, where 100% indicates supply meets demand. States below 100% face provider shortages, while those above 100% have surplus capacity. For example,

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Spring View Wound Care Center offers improved healing for chronic wounds

LEBANON – The Wound Care Center® at Spring View Hospital, a member of the Healogics network, is helping raise awareness of people at risk for chronic wounds and the advanced treatments offered. The incidence of chronic wounds is rising due to our aging population and increasing rates of diseases. A person with a wound has an average of three to four chronic conditions like diabetes, PAD, cardiovascular disease and COPD. Wounds, sores or ulcers can be the result of these health problems. After a non-healing or chronic wound is identified, a plan for healing can be created with a wound care team. Spring View Hospital Wound Care Center offers advanced therapies to patients suffering from chronic wounds.

If left untreated, chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb. Even more alarmingly, 50 percent of people die within five years of amputation.

"Chronic wounds are often a sign of underlying health conditions that require specialized, coordinated care,"



Photo provided

Members of the Spring View Hospital Wound Care team pause for a holiday photo.

said Dr. James Smith, General Surgeon and Medical Director of the Spring View Wound Care Center. "By combining advanced wound care modalities with a team-based, evidence-driven approach, we are able to treat the whole patient—not just the wound—and significantly improve healing outcomes and quality of life."

To support this underserved and growing population of people living with chronic wounds, Spring View Wound Care Center in partnership with Healogics,

offers an evidence-based, systematic approach to advanced wound care. A patient's individualized treatment plan may include specialized wound dressings, debridement, compression therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, advanced cellular products and topical growth factors, edema management and/or non-invasive vascular assessment. These treatments are the result of a team approach between the Center's physicians, nurses and the referring physician.

A treatment plan is developed and scheduled based on the patient's needs. Once treatment is complete, the patient will return to their primary physician to continue routine care.

"At Spring View Hospital, our priority is ensuring patients have access to advanced, specialized care close to home," said Vicki Parks, Chief Executive Officer of Spring View Hospital. "Through our continued partnership with Healogics, the Spring View Wound Care Center is able to deliver proven, evidence-based treatments that help patients heal faster, avoid serious complications, and regain their quality of life."

People with wounds that have not improved with traditional treatment methods may benefit from a visit to Spring View Wound Care Center. Visit healogics.com to learn more about the treatments offered and hear from patients about how wound healing changed their lives. To schedule an appointment, please call 270.692.5187 or visit springviewhospital.com/wound-care-center.

Spring View Hospital announces partnership with Radiology Partners

LEBANON – Spring View Hospital is pleased to announce a new partnership with Radiology Partners (RP), effective December 11, 2025, to provide comprehensive on-site and remote radiology services.

Radiology Partners is the nation's largest physician-owned and physician-led radiology practice, with more than 1,600 radiologists nationwide. RP leverages evidence-based clinical guidelines, national practice metrics, and academic partnerships to drive quality, consistency, and improved patient outcomes. The organization is also a leader in advanced radiology technology,

including cloud-based PACS, sophisticated workflow routing, and robust IT infrastructure to support referring physicians and care teams.

"This partnership represents an important step forward in strengthening diagnostic services for our patients and providers," said Vicki Parks, Chief Executive Officer of Spring View Hospital. "Radiology Partners brings national expertise, advanced technology, and a shared commitment to clinical excellence that aligns with our mission to provide exceptional care close to home."

Clinical leadership during the transition

will be provided by Dr. Robert Buck, a radiology leader on the RP Bluegrass team, who will serve as the clinical lead for radiology services. Dr. Steven Craig, a radiology leader with RP's SEAL Team, will also support the integration phase. Operational integration leadership will include Tiffany Anderson, Vice President of Operations and Integration, and Stephen Daugherty, Integration Practice Director, who will oversee implementation and ensure a smooth transition.

Following go-live, long-term operational leadership will transition to Todd Bibens,

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