

# About West Virginia Hospital Association

**Healthy Hospitals.  
Healthy Communities.  
A Better West Virginia.**

## MISSION

The mission of the West Virginia Hospital Association is to support its members in achieving a strong, healthy West Virginia.

## VISION

The West Virginia Hospital Association members envision a strong healthcare system that supports optimizing the health status of people served by our hospitals and improves the economic condition of the state. This vision is accomplished through collaboration, advocacy, consensus-building and a focus on desired outcomes.

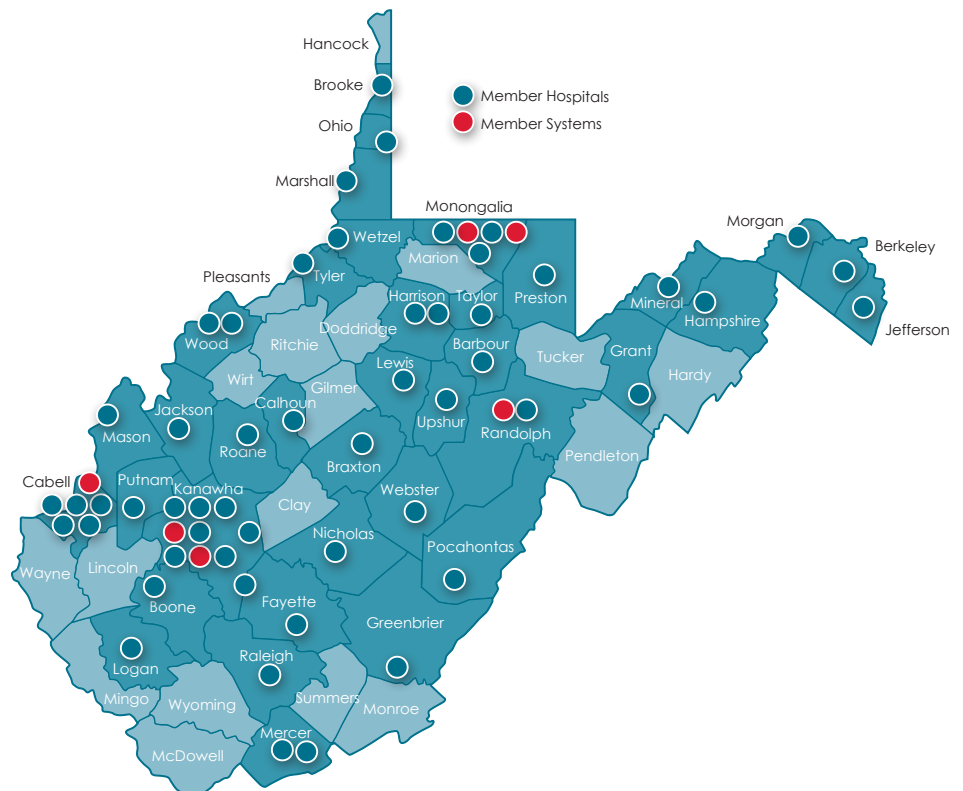
## VALUES

As an Association, the following values guide our actions:

- Quality
- Transparency
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Innovation

The West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA) is a not-for-profit statewide organization representing 59 hospitals and health systems across the continuum of care. The WVHA was founded in 1925 to serve as the collective voice of the state's hospital community. Today, the mission of the WVHA is to support its members in achieving a strong, healthy West Virginia. Members of the Association envision a strong healthcare system that supports optimizing the health status of West Virginians served by hospitals and improving the economic condition of the state. The values of quality, transparency, integrity, collaboration and innovation guide the actions of the Association so that member hospitals and health systems can provide high-quality, affordable, accessible healthcare for West Virginia families and communities. The Association is proud to be a part of the state's hospital industry, adding value to the health and wellness of West Virginians. In addition to representing hospitals and health systems, the WVHA includes associate member organizations that partner with West Virginia's hospitals.

## 59 Member Hospitals and Health Systems



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# Hospitals and Healthcare in the US & WV: Economic Impact

**Healthcare** is a major force in the U.S. economy and in West Virginia. In fact, hospital care is the largest component of the healthcare sector as a whole both nationally and in the Mountain State.

While patient care is the most visible priority for hospitals, less recognized are the significant connections and contributions that hospitals make within the community and broader regional economy. No question that hospitals are a catalyst for economic development and their effect extends far beyond their walls. Most recent data shows:

## America's Hospitals:

- Employ 5.9 million people;
- Are one of the top sources of private sector jobs;
- Support more than \$3 trillion in economic activity;
- Admit over 36.5 million patients;
- Provide care for more than 600 million outpatients;
- Treat more than 140 million people in their emergency departments;
- Perform 27 million surgeries; and
- Welcome nearly 3.9 million newborns into the world.

## West Virginia's Hospitals:

- Are among West Virginia's top employers;
- Employ nearly 46,000 people statewide;
- Support nearly \$10.5 billion in economic activity to our state's economy;
- Account for 14 of the top 100 employers;
- Are a vital part of the infrastructure needed to support economic development;
- Are a major deciding factor for new businesses to relocate in West Virginia;
- Admit over 227,000 patients;
- Provide care for over seven (7) million outpatients;
- Treat over 1.2 million people in their emergency departments;
- Perform nearly 270,000 surgeries; and
- Welcome nearly 19,000 newborns into the world.

*Source: American Hospital Association, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Disease Control, KFF.org  
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