



WEST VIRGINIA  
HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

# West Virginia Hospitals:

**A commitment to their missions, communities, and patients through growing access.**



## WVU Medicine Expanding Access

The WVU Health System (WVU Medicine) has invested \$3.1 billion over the past 10 years in building new hospitals and clinics or refurbishing existing ones to expand access to critical healthcare services across West Virginia.

Most recently, WVU Medicine broke ground on a new \$233.5 million, 150,000-square-foot facility for the WVU Eye Institute that will revolutionize eye care in West Virginia. Last year, the WVU Health System approved nearly \$400 million in new capital projects to expand access to its West Virginia hospitals and clinics. Projects include a \$64.5 million cancer center in Princeton. WVU Medicine also partnered with Thomas Health in South Charleston. It has invested millions in revitalizing its main campus and transforming the once-ailing Saint Francis Hospital into a state-of-the-art orthopedic hospital.

WVU Medicine also stepped up to reopen Fairmont Medical Center in Fairmont, after its out-of-state owner closed the hospital along with the Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling which will be the home of a new regional cancer center.

Over the past several years, WVU Medicine has recruited hundreds of new physicians to West Virginia, including dozens of specialists in a variety of areas, including heart and vascular, cancer, neurosurgery, orthopedics, and transplants that have collectively enabled West Virginians to receive the most advanced specialty care without leaving the State. Today, West Virginians needing a heart transplant do not have to go to Pittsburgh or Cleveland to receive a new heart.

## Vandalia Health and Access to Care

Vandalia has been expanding access to care in West Virginia through a \$900 million capital investment to renovate facilities and open new services. Over the past three years, Vandalia Health has received multiple Certificate of Need (CON) approvals for projects to establish ambulatory care facilities across

the state, bringing primary and specialty care to various communities. Additionally, Vandalia Health has launched 10 telemedicine centers and mobile telemedicine units significantly improving access to care. Vandalia also provides mobile mammography and cancer screening services to serve hundreds of locations statewide. Furthermore, Vandalia Health's 17 hospitals have undergone renovations, expanded emergency departments, and added equipment without needing CON approval due to expenditures falling below the threshold.



## Advancing Patient Care: Major Upgrades Across Marshall Health Network Facilities

Several Marshall Health Network facilities have made significant upgrades to enhance patient care with the investment of \$750 million. St. Mary's Medical Center upgraded its CyberKnife, Linear Accelerator, and mammography machines while expanding infusion services and relocating its sleep lab off-site. Cabell Huntington Hospital constructed a new medical office building to improve patient access, technology, and facilities. Rivers Health invested in a 3D mammography machine and an MRI Theatre with advanced features for patient comfort, including quieter technology and entertainment options. Rivers Health is building a new Emergency Department, opened a family practice office in southern Mason County, and launched a Wound Center. Notably, Rivers Health exemplifies how a WV-based healthcare organization utilized the CON process to acquire and sustain a rural hospital, ensuring continued access to care for the community.

## Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Under Expansion

Since August 2022, Pocahontas Memorial Hospital has been undergoing significant expansion and remodeling to improve healthcare access. A major milestone was reached in August 2023 with the opening of a new Rural Health Clinic, addressing space limitations as services and staff grew. Funded by a \$5.7 million USDA Rural Development loan, the clinic occupies the front of a new wing, while the back houses an upgraded rehabilitation department with therapy services. The second phase focused on expanding the Radiology and Cardiopulmonary departments, enhancing patient privacy, and introducing countywide mammography services in March 2024. Now in its final planning stage, the last phase—supported by a \$6 million HHS grant—the hospital will establish a surgical suite for outpatient procedures and an expanded emergency department.

## Roane General Hospital Added Services and Expansions

Beginning in 2019, Roane General Hospital undertook a project totaling more than \$25 million that added 40,000 square feet of new space to its existing facility and renovated an additional 30,000 square foot. This project included new medical office space that has married the primary and specialty care that the hospital provides, adding enhanced therapy space for our community. Additionally, the renovation expanded infusion services to include oncology. This service prevents our community from traveling on rural roads to large tertiary facilities. The expanded clinic space has permitted the hospital to grow services including orthopedic care, podiatry, pulmonology, nephrology and additional pain and spine services. Additionally, the hospital added a new Rural Health Clinic in Arnoldsburg in October 2023 and is in the process of opening a new clinic in Walton to replace an aged and dilapidated structure. These new clinics allow the hospital to provide not only primary care in these rural areas, but bring specialty care, such as cardiology, closer to home. In spring 2023, the hospital took on optometry services by hiring the last local optometrist to create a succession plan because without the hospital, there would be no optometry care in our county. In February 2025, a \$5 million renovation of inpatient space will start.

## Boone Memorial Hospital announces partnership with WVU Cancer Institute

Boone Memorial Hospital in Madison is partnering with the WVU Cancer Institute to provide more convenient care to cancer patients. The hospital will add the first cancer center in Boone County's history, which will bring advanced oncology care and chemotherapy infusion services to the southern part of the state.



## Minnie Hamilton Health System's Renovations and Expanded Services

Minnie Hamilton Health System's \$38.3 million project will renovate a 1960 era hospital to allow patient centered care to be provided to central West Virginia for the next 30 - 40 years. The initial renovations included the replacement of water lines ensuring a stable utilities infrastructure that was funded through USDA funds and our state's Water Development Authority funds.

Phase II kicked off in December of 2024, involves the new construction to house a Rural Health Clinic, Dental Clinic, Laboratory, and Dietary. On top of the two-story structure, a new helipad will be installed ensuring trauma patients are air lifted without delay to the accepting facility. The final phase scheduled to begin Fall 2027 will expand the Emergency Department to eight exam rooms with negative air pressure and increased features to ensure patient and staff safety. Funding for this phase of the project will be a combination of Minnie Hamilton Health System's investment through USDA loan funding.

Each of these projects ensures expanded access to health for our patients as well as secures the economic future of our communities through investments and the creation and retention of jobs.