

# AMERICA'S HOSPITALS: PREPARED TO CARE

Hospitals provide our communities with unique services. No other part of the health care system can meet the quickly growing demand for the myriad of specialty services available at hospitals. Required to do more with less, hospitals maintain their distinctive role – always caring for those who cannot pay and responding promptly when disaster strikes.

## 24/7 ACCESS TO CARE

# 65%

of ED patients arrive outside normal business hours



# 54%

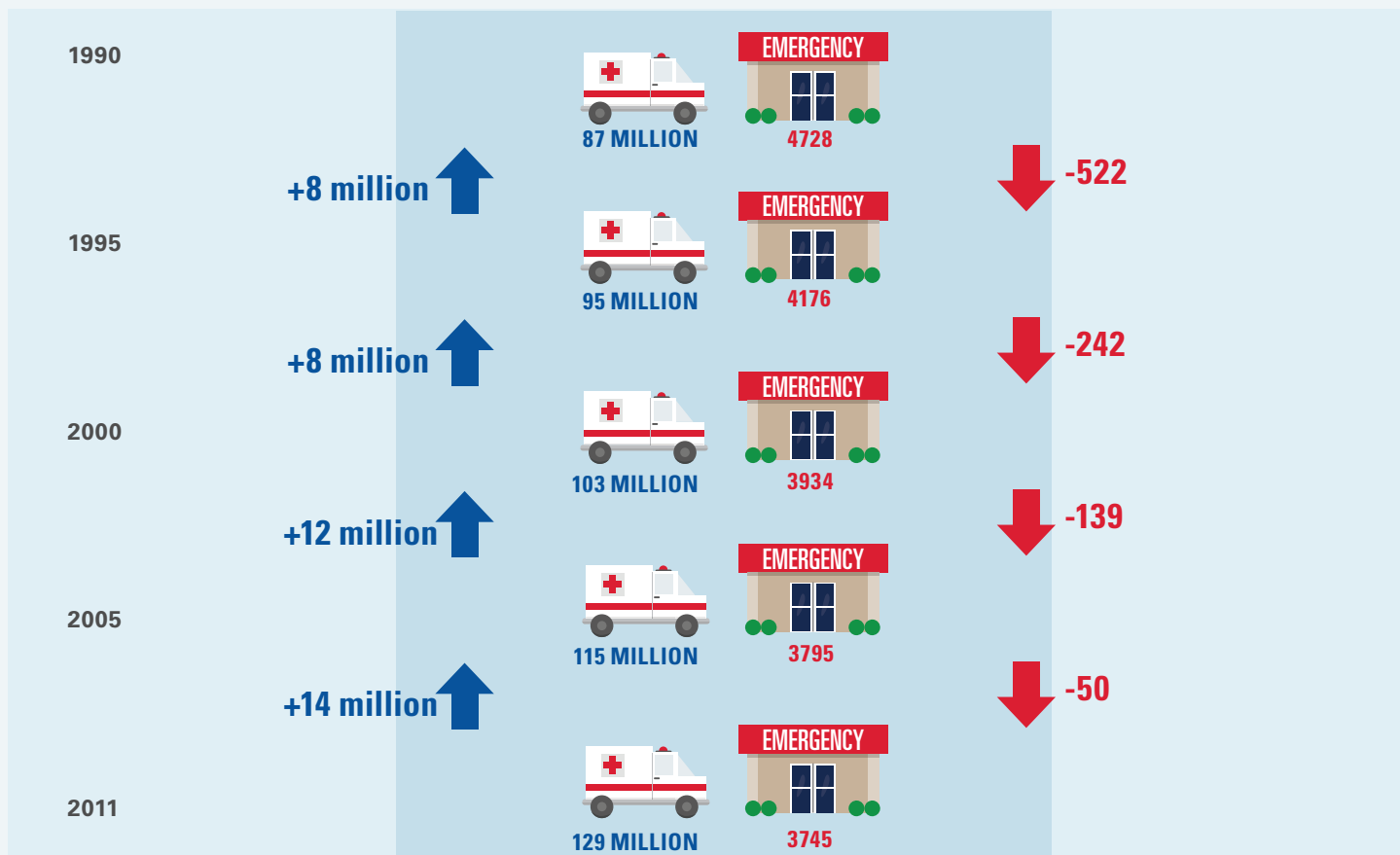
of ED patients require treatment within 1 hour



## MORE ED VISITS, FEWER EDS

ED visits

EDs

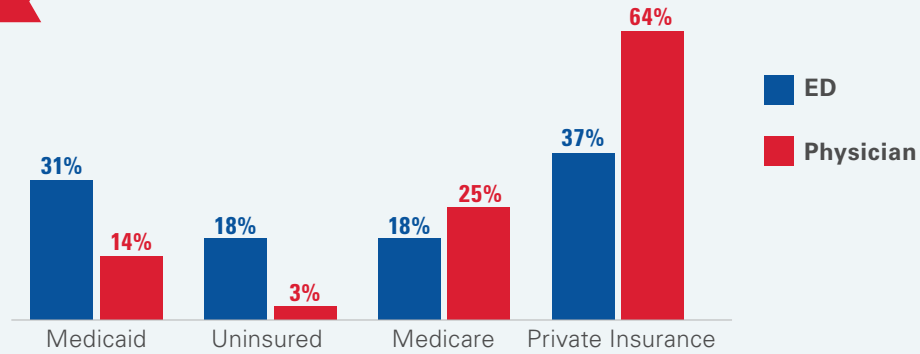


Hospitals must be prepared to treat more than **1,600 unique conditions** and require staffing in multiple areas:

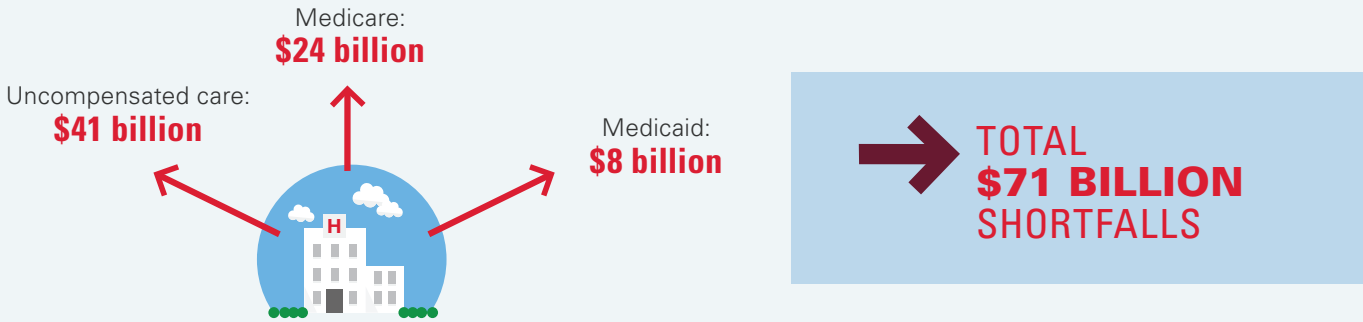


### SAFETY NET

EDs serve more Medicaid and uninsured patients than physician offices

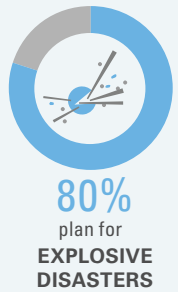
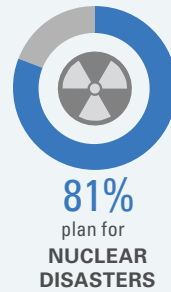
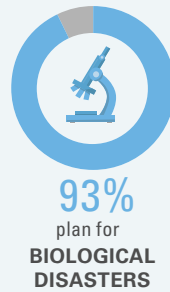
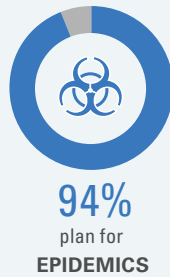
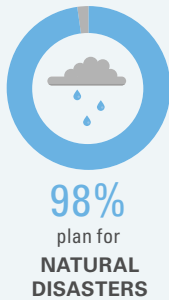
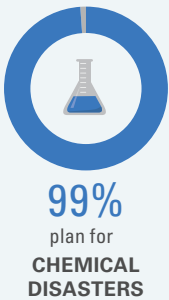


### PAYMENT GAPS AT HOSPITALS



### EMERGENCY READINESS

#### HOSPITALS PLAN FOR MULTIPLE DISASTERS



### FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

(in millions)



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