Affordability

**Issue:** Individuals, employers, government and payers are seeking greater value for their health care dollars. America’s hospitals and health systems understand – and share – these concerns and are working hard to advance affordability by transforming the way health care is delivered in our communities.

**Message:** Candidates should support Medicare and Medicaid payment changes that allow hospitals to promote value and affordability in health care – including improving quality outcomes and addressing social determinants of health.

**Question:** What policies do you support that will make health care more affordable and help Iowa hospitals provide greater value while transforming the way care is delivered?
Rural

**Issue:** America’s rural hospitals are struggling. Since 2010, 118 rural hospitals have closed, leading to a reduction or a complete loss of access to care in the communities they served.

**Message:** Candidates should support protecting rural communities’ access to care by ensuring fair and adequate reimbursement, preserving and improving Medicare rural hospital designations, advancing delivery methods like health information technology, and promoting rural regulatory relief efforts.

**Question:** What specific policies do you support that will help ensure there is access to care in rural Iowa?