

The Hill-Burton Act

1946

What is the Hill-Burton Act?

- Also called the “Hospital Survey and Construction Act”
- Was a Federal Law passed in 1946
 - Sponsored by Sen. Harold Burton (R-Ohio) and Sen. J. Lister Hill (D. Ala.)
- Donated money to hospitals to allow for updates and reconstructions

To receive the grants or loans, hospitals were required to:

1. Provide services to all people living in the area without discrimination
2. offer free or discounted help to patients who couldn't pay for the care and services
3. Be actively participating in medicare and medicaid programs
4. Bilingually post their information in both English and Spanish
5. Provide emergency services



(nchealthandhealing.com)

An example of a rural hospital campaign

Lasting Affect?

Although the program has not been actively funded since 1997. There are still around 200 hospitals are still in compliance with the Hill-Burton Act

These hospitals are obligated to offer free or reduced-cost care to patients at or below federal poverty guidelines

According to the Health Resources and Services Administrations (hrsa.gov) website there are functioning Hill-Burton Act facilities in all but 12 states;

1. Alaska,
2. Indiana,
3. Maryland,
4. Minnesota,
5. Nebraska,
6. Nevada,
7. North Dakota,
8. Rhode Island,
9. South Dakota,
10. Utah,
11. Vermont,
12. Wyoming