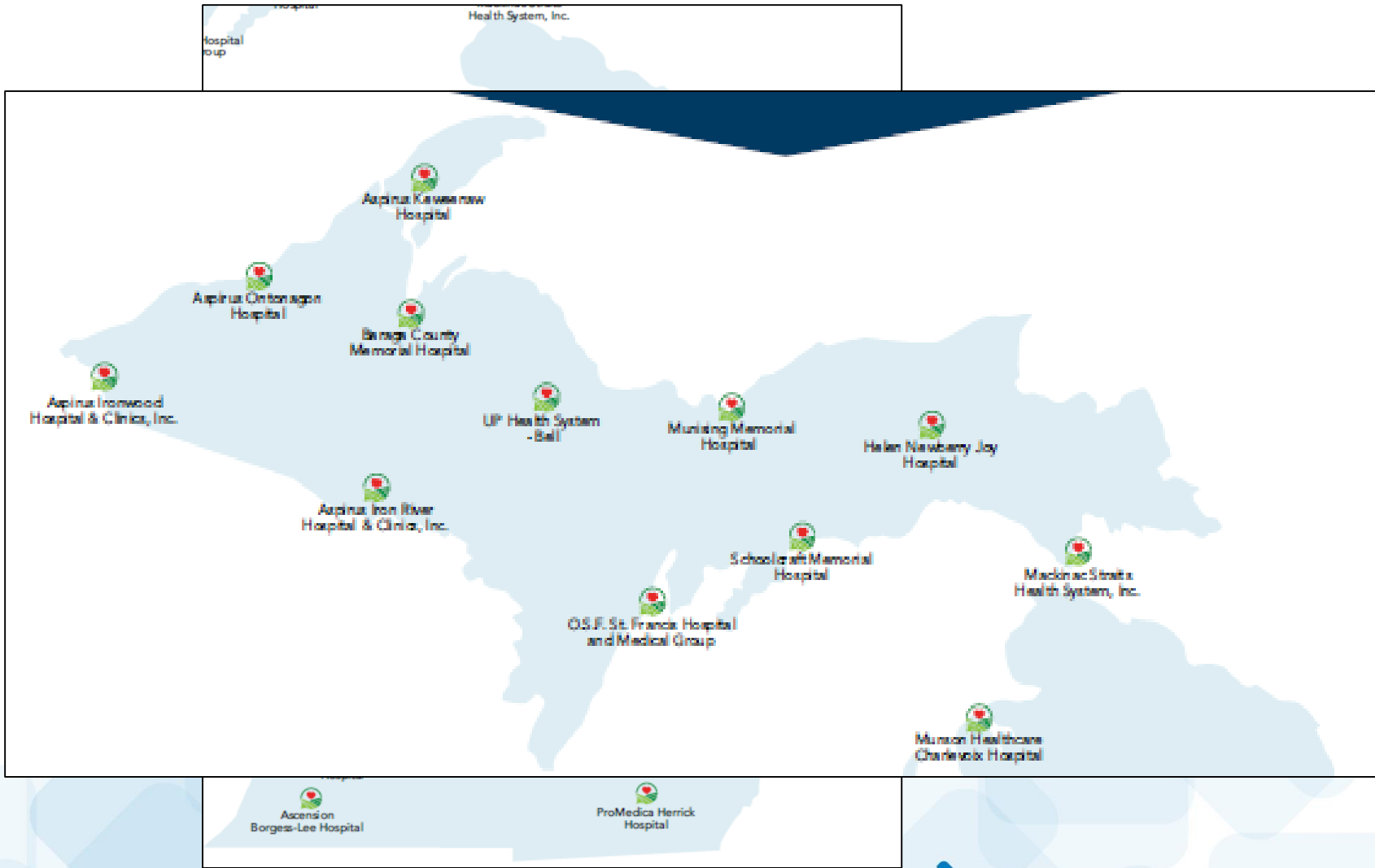


# Critical Access Hospitals

*Providing Care to the Medically Underserved*



# A Little About Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital



# A Little About Critical Access Hospitals



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**37**  
Critical Access  
Hospitals in  
Michigan

Up to **25** inpatient beds

**24/7** emergency care

**HOSPITAL**

Located in **rural** areas

Limited to **96** hours of inpatient care

Primarily provide **outpatient** services

**EMERGENCY**

## Patients Matter\*



**2.4 million**  
Outpatient visits  
conducted



**214,000**  
Inpatient care  
days



**331,000**  
People treated in  
emergency departments



**22,000**  
People admitted for  
care and treatment



# Challenges In An Underserved Area

## Care Delivery Challenges

- Physician/Provider recruitment
- Staff recruitment
- Transportation and access to care
- Population size and stability
- Socioeconomic challenges with minimal support networks

**What Can Be Done to Address these Challenges?**

# Quick History-The Hill Burton Act





# Opportunities For Sustained Health

## Direct Topics For Care Delivery

- Physician loan forgiveness programs help
- Medicaid Payment Policy in Critical Access Hospitals

## Broader Topics For Care Delivery

- High Speed Internet
- Telemedicine and technology
- Transition from Inpatient to Outpatient

# Questions