

Mendocino Coast Health Care District (MCHCD) supports thriving, healthy communities on the Coast by ensuring continuous, accessible, high-quality, sustainable health care. In 2020, due to the uncertainty surrounding the hospital's finances and future, MCHCD contracted with Adventist Health, a large health care network with stable financial and professional resources. Adventist Health Mendocino Coast is a key component of health care services along the Coast, is the largest employer in the region and provides a broader range of services than most Critical Access Hospitals typical in other rural communities.

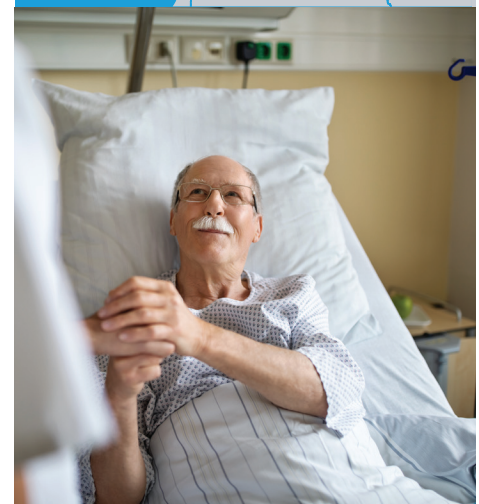
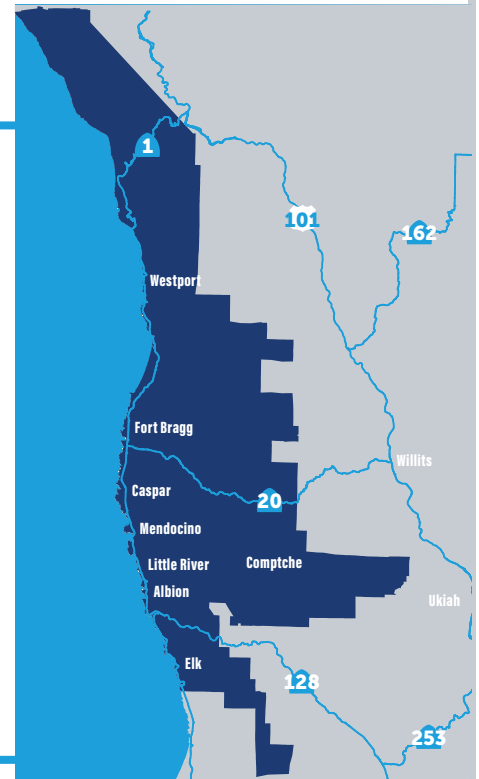
Major Facility Upgrades and Repairs are Needed in Our Local Hospital Facilities

Some of the hospital facilities are 52 years old and need major repairs and upgrades. In addition to several major maintenance projects and desired capital improvements, the State of California has mandated that all hospitals must be updated to current seismic standards by 2030 or they will be forced to close. (SB 1953) Failure to upgrade or replace our local hospital buildings could result in the closure of the hospital and clinic.

MCHCD is working to identify additional funding sources to meet its goal of upgrading the hospital's facilities in time to meet State law requirements, to avoid potentially closing the hospital. The closure of our local hospital would be a severe detriment to our community. The nearest other hospitals for emergency services are in Willits and Ukiah, and both are 45 minutes to one hour or more away.

Potential Source of Local Funding

While no decisions have been made at this time, in order to keep the local hospital open, the MCHCD Board of Directors is exploring the options around repairing and upgrading the current hospital facilities as well as a variety of modernization projects that could provide expanded services to our community. One option is a potential bond measure to provide dedicated local funding to repair and upgrade our local hospital that cannot be taken away by the State or used for other purposes. A potential bond measure would require a detailed project list showing how funds would be used and fiscal reporting and oversight would ensure that funds are spent as permitted. However, MCHCD has not made any decision to move forward with a bond measure.



We Value Your Input

As we plan for the future of our local hospital and other health care needs on the Coast, we want to hear from you. To share your opinions or to ask questions, contact MCHCD Administrator, Kathy Wylie, at kwylie@mchcd.org. Learn more at www.mchcd.org/facilities.