



VENTURA COUNTY
HEALTH CARE AGENCY

SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY (SCRV) SERVICES UPDATE

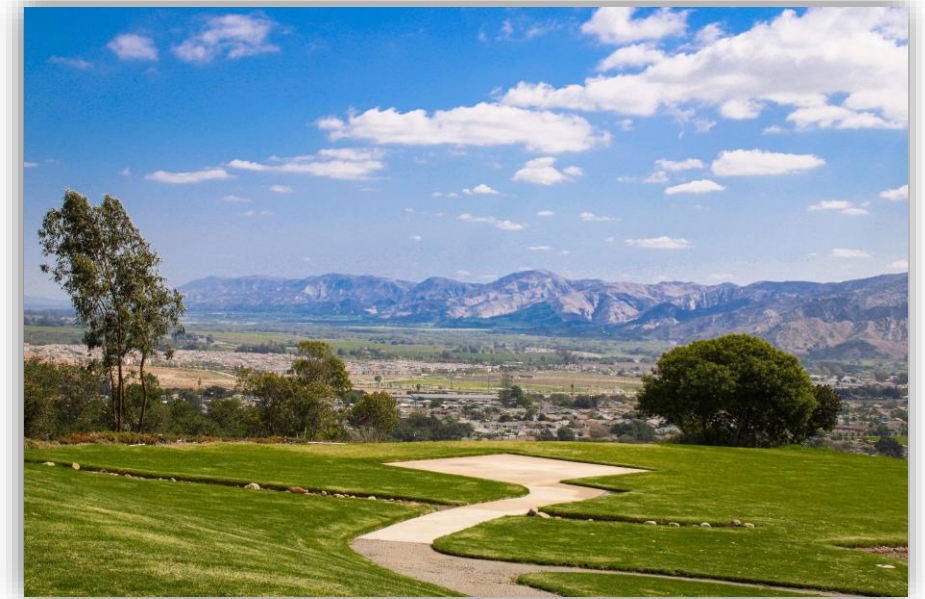
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HCA Director

Status Update

Santa Paula Hospital (SPH) and all Santa Clara River Valley (SCRV) Ambulatory Care Clinics remain open and fully operational.

Clinical services continue to be available to support patients requiring:

- Primary care
- Specialty care
- Diagnostic services
- Urgent care
- Emergency care
- Patients with scheduled appointments should plan to attend as usual unless otherwise notified by their care team.
- Our staff remain committed to ensuring uninterrupted access to compassionate care for the SCRIV community.



HR-1 Impacts on Ventura County Health Care Agency

HR-1 is projected to significantly reduce public hospital funding – cutting an estimated \$930 million in 2026 and surpassing \$3.4 billion by 2032. This places substantial pressure on Ventura County Medical System, where roughly 60% of patients rely on Medi-Cal, due to anticipated losses across various State and Federal government funding as well as projected enrollment declines tied to new work and reapplication requirements.

Fiscal Impacts of HR-1

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
VCMS	\$3,164,000	\$9,114,000	\$25,439,000	\$48,714,000	\$72,714,000	\$88,514,000	\$107,114,000
Ventura County Behavioral Health		\$16,893,000	\$21,535,000	\$22,076,000	\$22,633,000	\$23,207,000	\$ 23,798,000
TOTAL	\$3,164,000	\$26,007,000	\$46,974,000	\$70,790,000	\$95,347,000	\$111,721,000	\$130,912,000

VCMS includes Limits on State-Directed Payments, Provider Tax Restrictions, Medicaid Work Requirements, UIS enrollment freeze and restrictions, DSH reductions, GPP sunseting, and FMAP reduction.

Behavioral Health includes UIS enrollment freeze and restrictions and FMAP reduction.

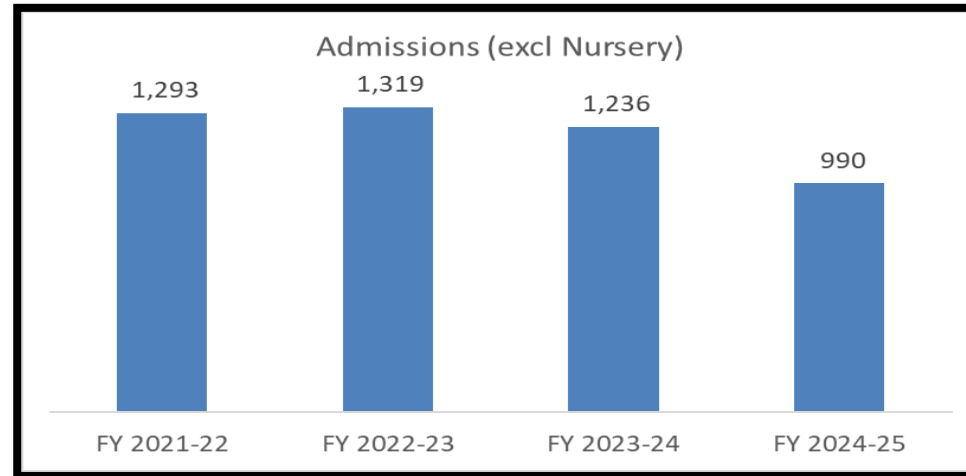
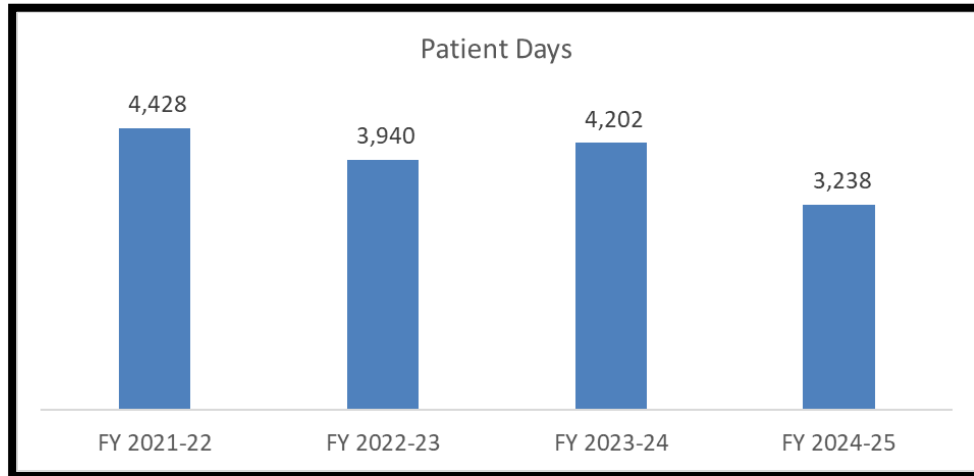


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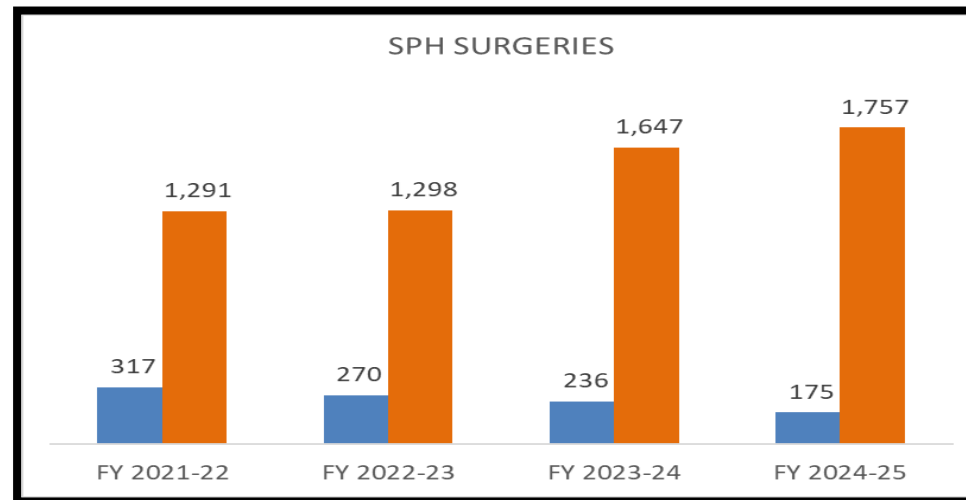
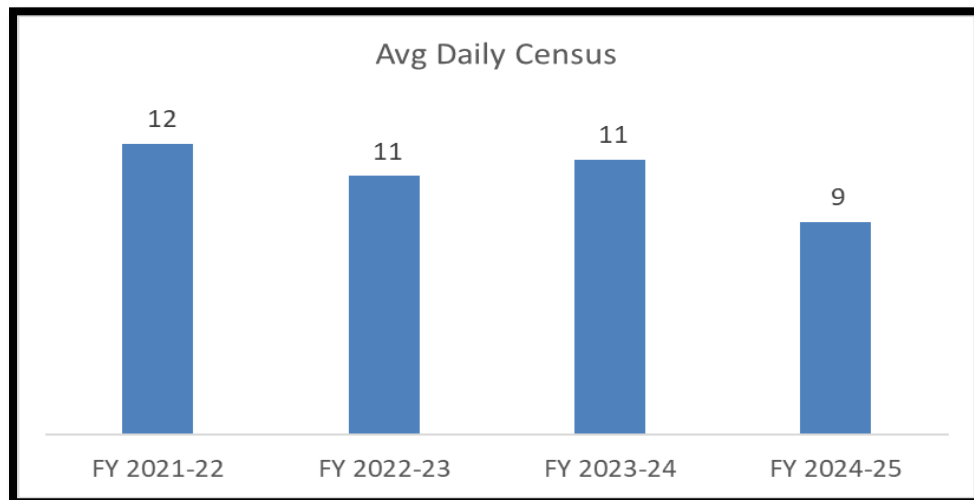
SANTA PAULA HOSPITAL AND HCA SCRIV SERVICES OVERVIEW

Santa Paula Hospital Volume Trends

Declining Inpatient Volumes at SPH



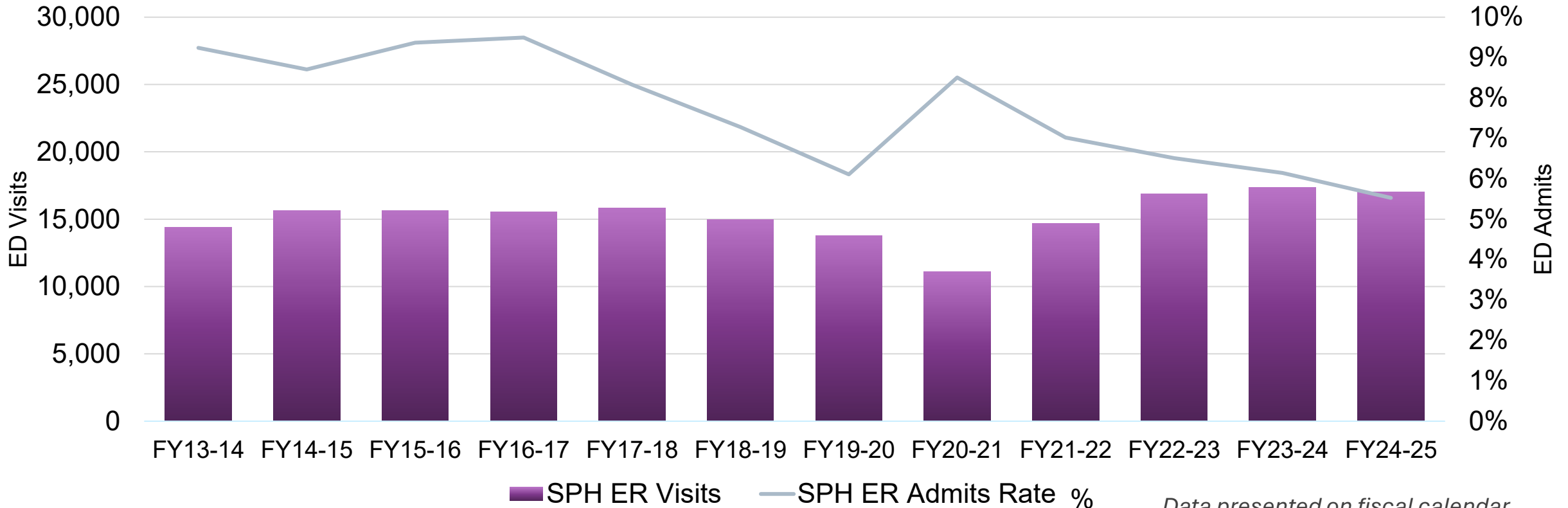
**Inpatient
Volume
down
23% over
last 4
years**



**Outpatient
Surgeries
up 36%
over last 4
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SPH Emergency Room Visits vs. Admissions

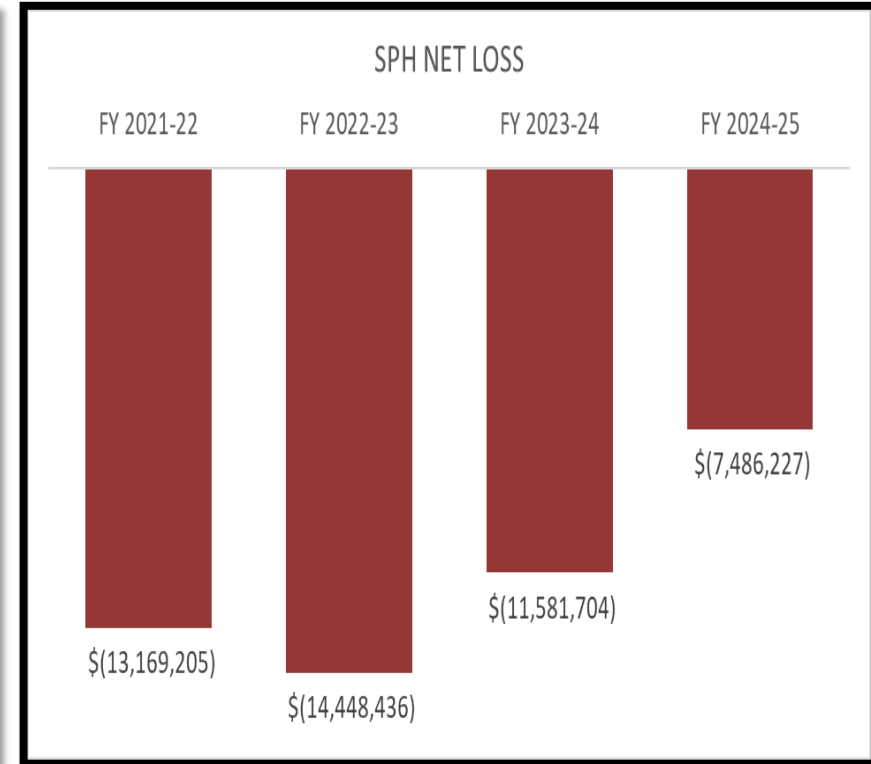
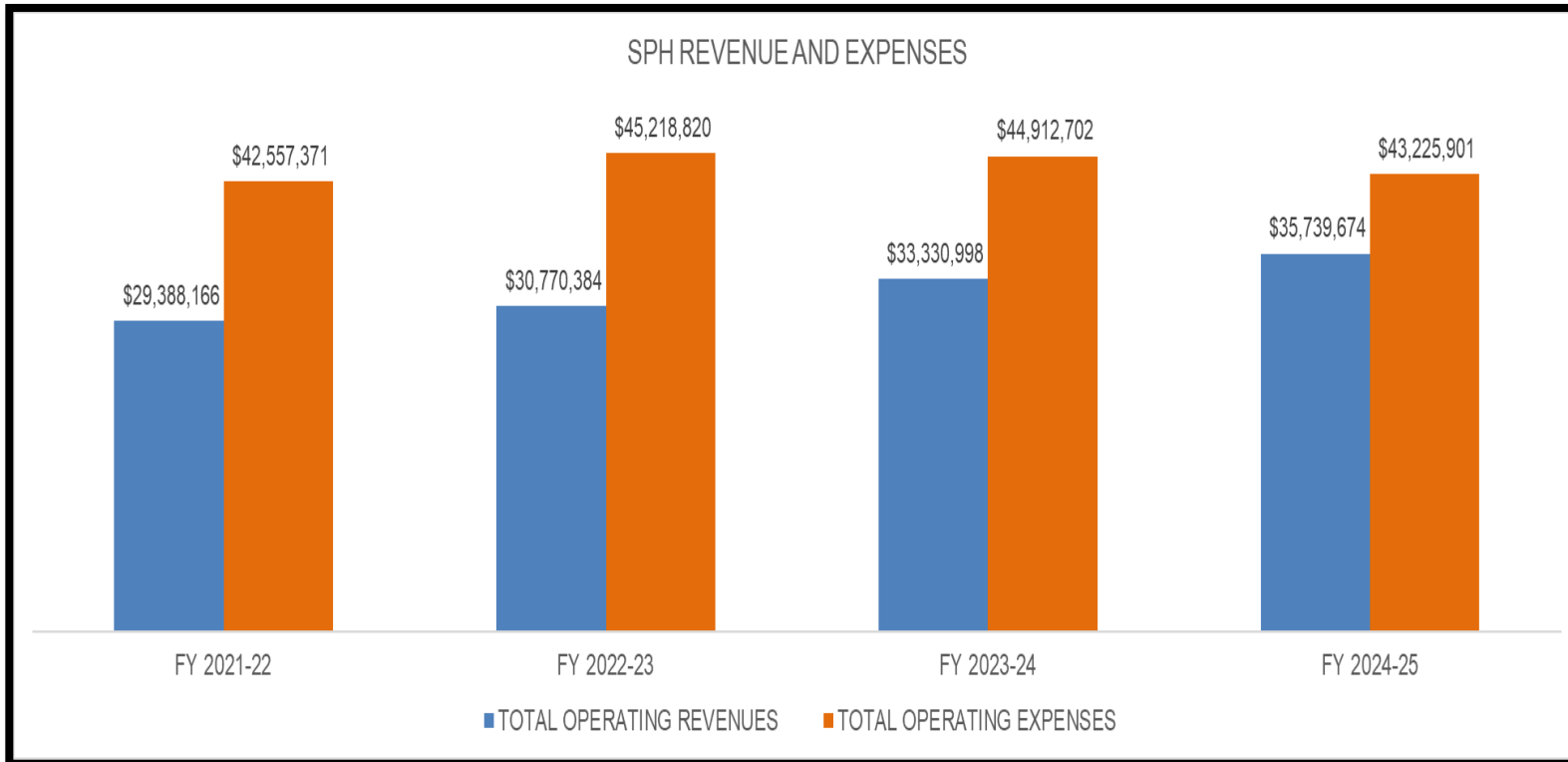
SPH Emergency Room visits trend upward, while inpatient admission from ER visits trend downward



Source: Fiscal Data, Ventura County Health Care Agency

Data presented on fiscal calendar

Santa Paula Hospital Financial Revenue Overview



- **Santa Paula Hospital (SPH) Expenses have exceeded Revenues for many years**
- **Losses have reduced over the last three years**
- **Obstetrics / Birthing Center and Intensive Care Unit closed in 2024**
- **Losses most recent year \$7.5M (-21% Operating Margin)**

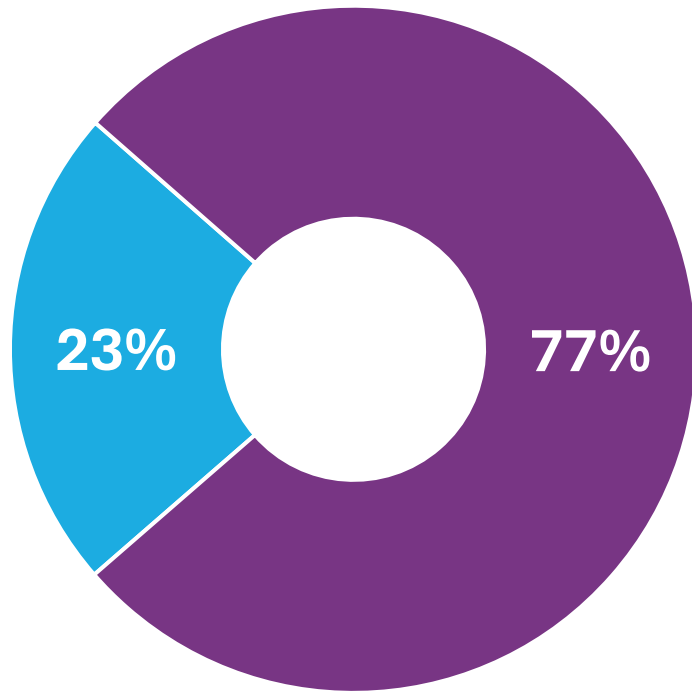
Seismic Requirements & BoS Action

- To operate Santa Paula Hospital beyond January 1, 2030, the County was required to commit by December 2025 to a timeline for meeting seismic requirements by January 1, 2030.
- Seismic compliance and deferred maintenance would cost more than \$25 million.
- At the November meeting, the Board directed staff to conduct an internal evaluation of systemwide service capacity, facility utilization, and sustainable future service delivery in the Santa Clara Valley and to provide an update in February 2026 that includes consideration of the Health Care District and Health Care Authority governance models.
- **County staff will return in Summer 2026 with an updated assessment of options, associated costs, and recommended next steps.**



Hospital Inpatient Discharges for SCRV Residents

■ Santa Paula Hospital ■ Other Hospitals





Source: HCAI 2024

- Hospital utilization for residents of the Santa Clara River Valley is not exclusive to SPH.
- Other Hospitals include regional care at VCMC, CMH, St. John's and Henry Mayo Newhall



HCA Service Footprint in the SCRIV

Number of patients served annually by the Ventura County Health Care Agency (2025)

<p>11,750 patients</p>	<p>1,437 clients</p>	<p>17,343 patients</p>	<p>1,370 families</p>
<p>43,119 visits</p>	<p>29,943 visits</p>	<p>28,721 visits</p>	<p>43,000 visits</p>
			
<p>Fillmore Family Medical Group Primary and Specialty Care</p> <p>Santa Paula Hospital Clinic Specialty Care</p> <p>Santa Paula Medical Clinic Primary and Specialty Care</p> <p>Santa Paula West Clinic Primary, Specialty Care, and PRIDE Clinic</p>	<p>Fillmore Clinic Adult Mental Health Services Substance Use Treatment Services Youth and Family Mental Health Services</p> <p>Santa Paula Clinic Adult Mental Health Services Youth and Family Mental Health Services</p>	<p>Santa Paula Hospital Emergency Department Ambulatory Surgery Inpatient Services GI Lab</p>	<p>WIC Program Santa Paula Women, Infant and Children Public Health Clinic</p>

Source: EHR Data, Ventura County Health Care Agency

Hospital Services Across the VCMS

Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) and Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks are the County's only designated trauma centers. These facilities provide 24/7 emergency care for serious and life-threatening injuries, including motor vehicle collisions, major falls, and penetrating trauma, and are equipped to deliver definitive trauma care for high-acuity conditions.

The County's six other hospitals provide emergency department services for medical and surgical emergencies but are not designed to deliver definitive trauma care for severe injuries.

Hospital Services	VCMC	SPH
24-hour Emergency Care	✓	✓
Inpatient Medicine with Telemetry	✓	✓
Surgical Services	✓	Limited
Outpatient Specialty Surgeries	✓	✓
Trauma Center call Coverage (includes inhouse general surgery & anesthesia)	✓	
24/7 Orthopedic, Neurosurgery and ENT (head and neck) Coverage	✓	
Vascular Surgery & Interventional Radiology	✓	
Adult & Pediatric Intensive Care	✓	
Pediatric Inpatient Services	✓	
Maternity care	✓	

EMS Transports & Response Time Data

- Four out of five EMS transports to the Santa Paula Hospital Emergency Department were made up of urgent and less-urgent cases.
- Less than half a percent of EMS transports were made of ESI Level 1 cases.

Ventura County EMS Response Times (2025)

	Arrival of ALS Fire (mins) Fire with paramedic	Arrival of ALS EMS (mins) EMS with paramedic	Patient Care Time (mins) 1st on scene responder to hospital*
Fillmore	4.63	4.83	41.42
Piru	3.80	12.61	51.77
Santa Paula	4.93	5.35	29.63
Ventura County	5.0	5.65	28.33

**Care time varies depending on patient acuity, stabilization and care need.*

EMS response time compliance is monitored through the FirstWatch.

Partnering for Progress

1. **Santa Paula Hospital remains open to care for all patients across the Santa Clara River Valley.**
2. We will return to the Board of Supervisors in late Summer 2026 with an updated assessment of options, associated costs, and recommended next steps.
3. Options will be informed by health needs and reflect financially sustainable options amid threats to safety net health care funding.
4. HCA Director Community Listening Sessions:
Attended: Santa Paula Hospital Blue Ribbon Meetings (Nov 2025 & Jan 2026), Healthcare Equity Advisory Council (Feb 2026), Santa Paula City Council and Santa Paula Unified School Board Joint Meeting (March 2026), Circle of Care Network (April 2026), & Santa Paula Latino Town Hall (May 2026)

Note: To request the HCA Director to participate in a community forum please contact the HCA Public Information Officer, Dr. Lydia Collins – lydia.collins@venturacounty.gov



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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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