

## WEEKLY HOSPITAL REAL ESTATE BRIEFING: JLL PREDICTS DOUBLE-DIGIT OUTPATIENT VOLUME GROWTH | HALF OF RURAL HOSPITALS OPERATING AT A LOSS

1. A recent Revista [blog post](#) compared on-campus versus off-campus MOBs and ownership preferences for each. One interesting takeaway was that REITs own nearly 50% of their MOBs in an on-campus location—nearly the exact same percentage as hospitals. Private investors own nearly half of their MOBs between 1-5 miles away from a hospital.
2. A recent analysis [found](#) nearly half of all U.S. rural hospitals are operating at a loss, and over 400 are deemed in jeopardy of closing. In response, many rural providers have shed service lines, with nearly 25% of rural hospitals no longer providing obstetrics.
3. Becker's published a [roundup](#) of six health systems that recently launched or expanded their hospital-at-home programs in an effort to free up hospital beds and reduce readmissions in a lower-cost setting.
4. Two notable philanthropic gifts were recently announced in support of facility development and expansion: (1) Christus Children's Hospital (San Antonio, TX) received a \$1.5M [donation](#) from the Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund; and (2) the Medical Society of South Charleston [donated](#) \$20M to Roper St. Francis (Charleston, SC).
5. A recent report from JLL [predicted](#) U.S. outpatient volume growth at 10.6% over the next five years, driven in part by an aging population. New construction is predicted to be centered around high-acuity uses like cancer and cardiology, while conversions and renovations are on the rise for lower-acuity services.

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6. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), under President Donald Trump's administration, has [terminated](#) leases for at least 748 federal sites, including HHS and CMS offices as well as 30 FDA facilities across 23 states.
7. A bill to repeal all CON requirements in West Virginia [was defeated](#) by one vote in the House Health Committee. A similar effort in the State Senate is still moving forward. Current law imposes CON requirements on a variety of services, including ASC, hospice, private practices and specialty care.
8. Tampa General, LifePoint and USF held a [ribbon cutting](#) for a new behavioral health hospital in Tampa. The hospital is 83,000 sf and has 96 inpatient beds. It is Florida's first freestanding AMC-affiliated behavioral hospital.
9. University Hospitals (Cleveland, OH) will [invest](#) \$3M in an 80-unit multifamily housing development aimed at improving social determinants of health in the community. Nearly all of the units will be designated for low-income residents.

10. Methodist Healthcare plans to invest \$250M to **expand** two campuses in suburban San Antonio, TX, including the construction of a new six-story patient tower and adding floors to an existing bed tower.

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