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## Hospital Leaders Call for Action to Protect Healthcare in Oklahoma

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OKLAHOMA CITY--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- As the Senate prepares to vote on a budget reconciliation bill that would have devastating impacts on healthcare access in Oklahoma, hospital administrators will share how Medicaid cuts would impact their communities.

When: 12 p.m., Friday, June 27, 2025

Where: Virtual:

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**Why:** The cuts to Medicaid and Oklahoma's directed payment program now being considered would result in an \$8 billion loss over 10 years to Oklahoma hospitals, as well as job losses, hospital closures, and reduction in healthcare services to communities across the state.

**Who:** Rich Rasmussen, president and CEO, Oklahoma Hospital Association  
Bennett Geister, president, Oklahoma City Communities, Mercy  
Denise Webber, president and CEO, Stillwater Medical  
Jay Johnson, president and CEO, DRH Health, Duncan  
Trent Bourland, vice president, rural development, SSM Health Oklahoma

**Additional Interviews:** Jay Johnson, Denise Webber, and Bennett Geister will be available for one-on-one, on-camera interviews in Oklahoma City beginning at 1:30 p.m. Please schedule in advance.

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