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## WHA Special Report: Wisconsin Hospitals and The Economy

The seemingly recession-proof health care industry is reeling in today's economy. Wisconsin's community hospitals are treating an unprecedented number of patients who are either uninsured, receiving Medicaid benefits or are unable to meet their deductibles. Included in a 2009 "Special Report," the Wisconsin Hospital Association analyzed the state of the economy and what this means to Wisconsin hospitals and their communities. The findings, just some of which are listed below, are disturbing:

- Wisconsin hospitals saw a 20% increase in uncompensated care between 2007 and 2008, an \$85 million increase.
- Days of cash on hand declined in 80% of hospitals.
- Operating margins fell by 25% in 2008 while total margins are far worse.
- Hospitals are finding it increasingly difficult to access capital.

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This critical issue is further detailed in WHA's six-page Special Report:

Special Report: Analysis of Critical Issues Facing Wisconsin Hospitals (2/09)

[http://www.wha.org/pubArchive/special\\_reports/WisHospitalsandEconomy2-2009.pdf](http://www.wha.org/pubArchive/special_reports/WisHospitalsandEconomy2-2009.pdf)

View the Special Report's related graphs and charts in a PowerPoint at:

<http://www.wha.org/toolkit/EconomicImpactSpecialReportGraphs.ppt>

View the American Hospital Association's research on the economy's impact on hospitals nationwide at:

<http://www.aha.org/aha/research-and-trends/AHA-policy-research/2009.html>

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Special Report Update: Analysis of Critical Issues Facing Wisconsin Hospitals (4/09)

[http://www.wha.org/pubArchive/special\\_reports/WisHospitalsandEconomyUpdate4-2009.pdf](http://www.wha.org/pubArchive/special_reports/WisHospitalsandEconomyUpdate4-2009.pdf)

Special Report Update: related graphs and charts in a PowerPoint:

<http://www.wha.org/toolkit/SpecialReportUpdatePpt4-2009.ppt>

Valued Voice: Hospital Margins Continue to Fall

[http://www.wha.org/pubArchive/valued\\_voice/vv4-10-09.htm#1](http://www.wha.org/pubArchive/valued_voice/vv4-10-09.htm#1)



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