Types of Hospitals

**Acute Care Hospitals** treat patients for a brief but severe episode of illness, conditions resulting from disease of trauma, and recovery from surgery.

**Critical Access Hospitals** are rural hospitals with up to 25 beds located at least 35 miles away from any other hospital.

**Hospital Satellites** are facilities owned and operated by a hospital located at a different site.

**Hospital Swing Beds** are beds used by hospitals to serve individuals needing the type of care generally provided at a skilled nursing facility when the beds are not needed for acute care patients.

**Pediatric Hospitals** offer services exclusively to children and adolescents.

**Psychiatric Hospitals** provide inpatient and outpatient treatment to patients affected with acute or chronic mental illness.