

IF YOU LIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA...YOU MAY NOT  
BE ABLE TO GET THE HEALTH CARE YOU NEED.



Abington Memorial Hospital  
Bryn Mawr Hospital  
Central Montgomery Medical Center  
Chestnut Hill HealthCare  
Chestnut Hill Hospital  
Chestnut Hill Rehabilitation Hospital  
Holy Redeemer Health System

Elkins Park Hospital  
part of Tenet HealthSystem  
The Lankenau Hospital  
Mercy Health System of Southeast  
Pennsylvania  
Montgomery Hospital Medical Center  
Pottstown Memorial Medical Center

Your local hospitals want you to know that...

**Pennsylvania's Health Care System  
is in Crisis.**

An out-of-control lawsuit system  
is forcing doctors to drop services  
or leave the state.

**Patients are paying the price.**

- "You can't attract new neurosurgeons to this area" because of the rising rates and being sued... "When you call recruiters they laugh."  
— Dr. Barry Pollack, a fulltime neurosurgeon on leaving the state due to liability costs, Allentown Morning Call, June 27, 2002
- In terms of 'jackpot jury' awards, Pennsylvania is the second-worst state in the country. Payouts in 2000 totaled over \$352 million, topped only by New York.  
— Roger Mecum, Pennsylvania Medical Society, The Harrisburg Patriot, March 12, 2002
- The system needs to be changed and tort reform recommends itself. The current system provides a good life for trial lawyers, but society is not served by making "pain and suffering" a legal lottery that offers the chance of turning medical misfortune into a bonanza.  
— Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, February 4, 2002

**There's a bill before Congress that can make a difference!**

**Call Rep. Joe Hoeffel today at 610.272.8400.  
Ask him to support H.R. 4600, the HEALTH Act, to make sure  
you get the health care you need.**

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liability crisis, visit [www.hcla.org](http://www.hcla.org)

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