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Organizational Economic Analysis of Hospital-Physician Contracting Practices in Rural Health Care Markets					
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Outputs:					
One departmental working paper was produced during this period examining the contractual and technological aspects of rural health care delivery in Louisiana and the U.S. more broadly.					
Outcomes/Impacts:					
The decision by hospitals to contract out for information technology services (IT) has a dramatic effect on the quality and delivery of care in hospitals. This research identified key factors that drive this decision within rural hospitals using a transaction cost theory framework. Part of the research has been devoted to understanding access to high-speed Internet that hospitals have across Louisiana and the U.S. Broadband Internet provides a means to quickly send and receive medical records between and among health care providers in rural areas. The sharing of medical records, and data screening can increase the quality of health care delivered in rural markets.					
Publications:					
No Publications Reported					
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Participants:					
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Target Audiences:					
Louisiana rural healthcare industries.					
Project Modifications:					
Nothing significant to report during this reporting period.					
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