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## Low-Income Health Care Networks: Initial Conditions, Extent, and Intensity Relevant to County Government Participation

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This research examines networks of counties and nongovernmental organizations in the delivery of low-income health care services. Using complexity theory and resource dependency theory, health care networks emerge as a possible adaptation for meeting community health care needs. Consequently, this study explores the existence, complexity, and intensity of health care networks for low income, uninsured, and underinsured county residents.

This study focuses on four aspects of low-income health care networks. First, the initial conditions under which low income health care networks may form will be examined. Second, the study will identify the impact of county involvement based upon county participation levels. Third, the numbers and types of health care providers that participate in the network will be examined. Finally, a model that explains the relationship between county conditions and the intensity of network functions will be tested.

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