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A Resiliency Scorecard for Ambulatory Health Centers

This poster aims to raise awareness about the critical resilience gaps in ambulatory health centers, which are essential for patient care and community support. These centers provide outpatient services, including primary care and treatment for various health issues. During disasters, they play a key role in ensuring access to healthcare, managing chronic conditions, and addressing immediate health needs, thus preventing hospitals from being overwhelmed. Ambulatory health centers often collaborate with local public health departments, helping patients who might lose medications or require ongoing care during emergencies. They can also support shelters when necessary. The Resilience Scorecards for Ambulatory Health Centers are crucial tools for identifying areas for improvement and enhancing preparedness. Most small medical practices lack resilience plans, leaving them unprepared in crises. Even larger facilities are often overlooked in resilience planning, which typically focuses on hospitals. This needs to change, and I aim to share tools that can drive this transformation.

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