



# NRHA RURAL HOSPITAL PRIORITIES

## **H.R. 3684**

### **SAVE AMERICA'S RURAL HOSPITALS ACT**

*Reps. Graves (R-MO) & Budzinski (D-IL)*

Works to support rural hospitals through permanently eliminating Medicare sequestration for rural hospitals, making permanent Low-Volume Hospitals (LVH) and Medicare-Dependent Hospitals (MDH) designations, reversing cuts to reimbursement of bad debt, extending Disproportionate Share Payments (DSH) and allowing rebasing for MDH and Sole Community Hospitals (SCHs), codifying the low wage index policy, eliminating 96-hour average length of stay and physician certification regulations for critical access hospitals, removing 3-day stay before post-acute care, making permanent increased Medicare payments for ground ambulance services in rural areas, and reauthorizing the Flex program.

## **S. 1282/H.R. 1417**

### **RURAL HOSPITAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Reps. Jackson (R-TX), Tokuda (D-HI), Sens. Rounds (R-SD) and Welch (D-VT)*

Authorizes the USDA Hospital Technical Assistance Program, which provides direct, on-the-ground technical assistance to help sustain rural hospitals.

## **S. 335**

### **RURAL HOSPITAL SUPPORT ACT**

*Sen. Grassley (R-IA) and Welch (D-VT)*

Makes permanent LVH & MDH designations and updates SCH and MDH base years.

## **S. 5308** (118th Congress)

### **RURAL HOSPITAL FLEXIBILITY ACT**

*Sens. Smith (D-MN), Barrasso (R-WY), Cortez-Masto (D-NV), and Blackburn (R-TN)*

Reauthorizes and modernizes the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility program which supports CAHs, small rural hospitals, and rural EMS.

## **S. 502**

### **RURAL HOSPITAL CLOSURE RELIEF ACT**

*Sens. Durbin (D-IL), Lankford (R-OK) and Smith (D-MN)*

Provides flexibility around the 35-mile distance requirement and enables states to certify a hospital as a "necessary provider" in order to obtain CAH designation, expanding the number of rural hospitals who qualify.





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## **S. 803/H.R. 3635** (118th Congress) ..... **SAVE RURAL HOSPITALS ACT OF 2023**

*Sens. Warner (D-VA) and Blackburn (R-TN), Reps. Sewell (D-AL) and Ferguson (R-GA)*

Establishes a national minimum area wage rate under the Medicare Area Wage Index for hospital payments to adjust for geographic differences in labor costs.

## **H.R. 538** ..... **CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RELIEF ACT OF 2025**

*Reps. Smith (R-NE) and Sewell (D-AL)*

Repeals the 96-hour physician-certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services under Medicare.

## **H.R. 1805** ..... **ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL COMMUNITY HOSPITALS (ARCH) ACT**

*Reps. Carol Miller (R-WV) and Sewell (D-AL)*

Extends for five years the MDH and LVH designations, and allows sole community hospitals and MDH base year adjustments.

## **S.3105** (117th Congress) ..... **HOSPITAL REVITALIZATION ACT**

*Sen. Bennett (D-CO)*

Provides grants and low-interest loans to assist eligible hospitals with constructing, modernizing, and expanding their facilities to better serve their communities.

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