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Dear valued members of the media,

Last November, [the nation's leading health care organizations established the Rural Health Action Alliance \(RHAA\)](#), representing providers and facilities that provide millions of Americans with high-quality, evidence-based care – particularly those living and working in rural and underserved areas.

On Friday, members of RHAA sent a [letter to congressional leadership](#) on priorities for the next COVID-19 relief package.

Among the top priorities are a 20 percent carveout of current and future Provider Relief Fund dollars; a 20 percent carveout of current and future Centers for Disease Control funding for vaccine deployment and COVID-19 testing, tracing, and mitigation programs; a continuation of Medicare sequestration relief; and a continuation of the important telehealth benefits afforded to rural providers through the CARES Act and 1135 waiver process.

RHAA looks forward to working with congressional leadership to advance legislation that will meet the needs of rural providers.

Signing members are: *National Rural Health Association, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, American Podiatric Medical Association, American Psychological Association, National Association of Rural Health Clinics, American Optometric Association, National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, National League for Nursing, American College of Nurse-Midwives, American Physical Therapy Association, American Association of Nurse Practitioners*

Contact [NRHA's Government Affairs team](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

Alan Morgan
NRHA CEO

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations that share the common bond of an interest in rural health.