

Rural Hospital Priorities

H.R. 833

Save America's Rural Hospitals Act

Reps. Graves (R-MO) and Huffman (D-CA)

This legislation works to ensure critical rural providers are equipped to support their patients through permanently eliminating Medicare sequestration for rural hospitals, making permanent Low-Volume Hospitals and Medicare-Dependent Hospitals designations, reversing cuts to reimbursement of bad debt, permanently increasing Medicare payments for ground ambulance services, making permanent telehealth enhancements for RHCs and FQHCs and reauthorizing the Flex program, among other provisions.

H.R. 4713

Rural Hospital Technical Assistance Program Act

Reps. Kilmer (D-WA) and Jackson (R-TX)

This legislation would authorize the USDA Hospital Technical Assistance Program to identify and address hospital needs to improve financial performance and quality outcomes.

S. 1571

Rural Hospital Closure Relief Act Of 2023

Sens. Durbin (D-IL) and Lankford (R-OK)

This bill 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.

H.R. 5989

Rural Health Care Facilities Revitalization Act

Reps. Caraveo (D-CO), Moolenaar (R-MI), Moylan (R-GU), Salinas (D-OR)

This bill allows hospitals, behavioral health facilities, clinics, and long-term care facilities to use Rural Development assistance to upgrade health IT, refinance debt obligations, and support ancillary needs.

Rural Hospital Priorities

S. 803

H.R. 3635

Save Rural Hospitals Act of 2023

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

This legislation 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. 1565

Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2023

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

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

S. 1110

Rural Hospital Support Act of 2023

Sens. Casey (D-PA) and Grassley (R-IA)

This legislation makes permanent Low-Volume Hospital (LVH) and Medicare-Dependent Hospital (MDH) designations, and allows Sole Community Hospitals and MDH base year adjustments.

H.R. 6430

Assistance for Rural Community Hospitals Act (ARCH Act)

Carol Miller (R), Donald Davis (D), Terri Sewell (D)

This bill extends for five years the Low-Volume Hospital (LVH) and Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) designations, and allows sole community hospitals and MDH base year adjustments, as well as direct GAO to carry out a report on Medicare rural hospital classifications.