

Rural Health Extenders

Medicare Extenders

Medicare Dependent Hospital & Low Volume Hospitals

Expiring April 1, 2025.

Ensure a long-term extension for MDH and LVH Medicare designations for at least 5 years in recognition of their low volumes and significant Medicare population

S. 1110, H.R. 6430

In the 18th Congress

Medicare Telehealth Flexibilities

Expiring March 31, 2025.

Make Medicare telehealth flexibilities put in place during the pandemic including RHC/FQHC distant site status, audio-only, and more

S. 3967/H.R. 7623

In the 18th Congress

Rural Ground Ambulance Payments

Expiring April 1, 2025.

Ensure a long-term extension for ground ambulance additional reimbursement services in rural areas for 5 years to ensure access to vital emergency services

S. 1673/H.R. 1666

In the 18th Congress

Safety Net Program Extenders

Expiring March 31, 2025.

Extend federal funding for critical programs providing training and services in underserved rural areas:

- National Health Service Corps (NHSC) program
- Community Health Centers
- Teaching Health Centers Graduate Medical Education

S. 2308, H.R. 2559

In the 18th Congress

Avoid Harmful Site Neutrality Proposals

NRHA opposes implementation of site-neutral payments and disproportionate share hospital (DSH) cuts given rural hospital vulnerabilities.

- Current proposals would cost rural hospitals \$272 million in the next 10 years
- Nearly 50% of rural hospitals have negative operating margins
- Over 180 rural hospitals have closed, or stopped inpatient services, since 2010