

Rural Health Extenders

Medicare Extenders

Medicare Dependent Hospital & Low Volume Hospital Designations

Expiring December 31, 2024.

Extend MDH and LVH Medicare designations in recognition of their low volumes and significant Medicare population

S. 1110, H.R. 6430

Medicare Telehealth Flexibilities

Expiring December 31, 2024.
Make Medicare telehealth flexibilities put in place during the pandemic including RHC/FQHC distant site status, audio-only, and more

**S. 2016/H.R. 4189,
H.R. 7623**

Rural Ground Ambulance Payments

Expiring October 1, 2024.
Extend temporary additional reimbursement for ground ambulance services in rural areas to ensure access to vital emergency services

S. 1673/H.R. 1666

Safety Net Program Extenders

Expiring December 2024.

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

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
- Fifty percent of rural hospitals have negative operating margins
- Over 170 rural hospitals have closed, or stopped inpatient services, since 2010