



STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2026

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Rural health care providers—such as Critical Access Hospitals and Community Health Centers—provide life-saving care to over 60 million Americans who live in rural areas. Many of these providers operate independently and face significant challenges maintaining sustainable operations while competing with larger urban health systems. State Offices of Rural Health help small rural providers meet those challenges by providing best practices, offering technical assistance, and creating forums so providers can continue strengthening rural health. The bipartisan *State Offices of Rural Health Program Reauthorization Act of 2026* reauthorizes the federal State Offices of Rural Health program to support rural access to coordinated health care support and resources across all 50 states.

THE PROBLEM:

The program's authorization currently provides funding through Fiscal Year 26, after which the statutory authorization expires.

THE SOLUTION:

The *State Offices of Rural Health Program Reauthorization Act of 2026* amends the *Public Health Service Act*:

- **Reauthorizes the State Offices of Rural Health program**, continuing federal support for state offices that coordinate rural health initiatives and assist providers.
- **Authorizes \$13.5 million annually from FY27 through FY32** to support state rural health offices nationwide, in line with FY26 appropriated levels.

Bottomline: State Offices of Rural Health play a vital role in strengthening health care access for rural America. Reauthorizing this program will help states continue supporting rural hospitals, providers, and patients who depend on reliable local systems.

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