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H. R. 2493

To reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. RULLI, and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Care in
5 Rural America Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. RURAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTREACH,**
7 **RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT,**
8 **AND SMALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER QUAL-**
9 **ITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS.**

10 (a) RURAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTREACH
11 GRANTS.—Section 330A(e) of the Public Health Service

1 Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(e)) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 “(4) USE OF FUNDS FOR RURAL UNDERSERVED
4 POPULATIONS.—In awarding a grant under this sub-
5 section, the Director shall ensure that the funds
6 made available through the grant will be used, as
7 appropriate—

8 “(A) to meet the health care needs of rural
9 underserved populations in the local community
10 or region to be served; and

11 “(B) for other activities to ensure the rural
12 underserved populations in the local community
13 or region to be served will be involved in the de-
14 velopment and ongoing operations of the
15 project.”.

16 (b) RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
17 GRANTS.—Section 330A(f) of the Public Health Service
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(f)) is amended by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “(4) USE OF FUNDS FOR RURAL UNDERSERVED
21 POPULATIONS.—In awarding a grant under this sub-
22 section, the Director shall ensure that the funds
23 made available through the grant will be used, as
24 appropriate—

1 “(A) to increase access to quality health
2 care services through integrated health care
3 networks for the rural underserved populations
4 in the local community or region to be served;
5 and

6 “(B) for other activities to ensure the rural
7 underserved populations in the local community
8 or region to be served will benefit from and be
9 involved in the planning, development, and on-
10 going implementation of the network.”.

11 (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 330A(j) of the Pub-
12 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(j)) is amended by
13 striking “2021 through 2025” and inserting “2026
14 through 2030”.

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