

Calendar No. 377

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2493

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 2026

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar

AN ACT

To reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

8 (a) RURAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTREACH
9 GRANTS.—Section 330A(e) of the Public Health Service
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(e)) is amended by adding at the end
11 the following:

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

17 “(A) to meet the health care needs of rural
18 underserved populations in the local community
19 or region to be served; and

20 “(B) for other activities to ensure the rural
21 underserved populations in the local community
22 or region to be served will be involved in the de-
23 velopment and ongoing operations of the
24 project.”.

25 (b) RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
26 GRANTS.—Section 330A(f) of the Public Health Service

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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 increase access to quality health
9 care services through integrated health care
10 networks for the rural underserved populations
11 in the local community or region to be served;
12 and

13 “(B) for other activities to ensure the rural
14 underserved populations in the local community
15 or region to be served will benefit from and be
16 involved in the planning, development, and on-
17 going implementation of the network.”.

18 (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 330A(j) of the Pub-
19 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(j)) is amended by

1 striking “2021 through 2025” and inserting “2026
2 through 2030”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 21, 2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

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