

NRHA Hospital Bills Summaries

H.R. 833

Save America's Rural Hospitals Act

Reps. Graves (R-MO) and Huffman (D-CA)

This legislation works to ensure critical rural providers are equipped to support their patients through a number of provisions including permanently eliminates Medicare sequestration for rural hospitals, makes permanent Low-Volume Hospitals and Medicare-Dependent Hospitals designations, reverses cuts to reimbursement of bad debt, permanently increases Medicare payments for ground ambulance services, and reauthorizes the Flex program, among other provisions.

H.R. 1565

Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2023

Reps. Smith (R-NE) and Sewell (D-AL)

This bill repeals the 96-hour physician-certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services under Medicare.

S. 803

Save Rural Hospitals Act of 2023

Sens. Warner (D-VA) and Blackburn (R-TN)

This bill establishes a national minimum area wage rate under the Medicare Area Wage Index for hospital payments to adjust for geographic differences in labor costs.

S. 1110

Rural Hospital Support Act of 2023

Sens. Casey (D-PA) and Grassley (R-IA)

This bill makes permanent low-volume hospital and Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) designations, and allows sole community hospitals and MDH base year adjustments.