



# NRHA Supported Legislation

## RHC Modernization

Includes three bills aimed at modernizing and providing regulatory relief for RHCs:

- **H.R. 5217: Rural Behavioral Health Improvement Act**, *Reps. Tokuda (D-HI) and Mann (R-KS)*
  - Removes limitations on the delivery of behavioral health services at RHCs.
- **H.R. 5198: Rural Health Clinic Location Modernization Act**, *Reps. Mann (R-KS) and Tokuda (D-HI)*
  - Preserves RHC eligibility standards that allows RHCs to operate in communities with under 50,000 residents.
- **H.R. 5199: Modernizing Rural PA and NP Utilization Act**, *Reps. Mann (R-KS) and Tokuda (D-HI)*
  - Aligns physician assistant and nurse practitioner supervision requirements with state scope of practice laws.

## H.R. 3878: RNs for Rural Health Act

*Reps. Hinson (R-IA) and Scholten (D-MI)*

Expands and strengthens rural healthcare access by updating Medicare policy to allow registered nurses (RNs) at Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) to facilitate Medicare Annual Wellness Visits (AWVs).

## H.R. 5081: Telehealth Modernization Act

*Reps. Carter (R-KS) and Dingell (D-MI)*

Ensures access to telehealth services for Medicare beneficiaries and extends these flexibilities to Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federal Quality Health Center (FQHCs) distant site status and Fee-For-Service (FFS) reimbursement levels through FY27. This legislation would continue flexibilities related to as well as audio-only telehealth, which is critical for rural beneficiaries without access to broadband or high-speed internet.

## Equal Access to Specialty Care Everywhere (EASE) Act of 2024

(H. R. 7149 in 118th Congress)

*Reps. Steel (R-CA) & Lee (D-NV)*

Create a virtual specialty network demonstration that offers integrated services in rural communities to test the effectiveness of increasing access to specialty care and facilitating transitions to value-based payment.

## Rural Health Innovation Act

(S.953/H.R.1712 in the 118th Congress)

*Sen. Blackburn (R-TN) & Hickenlooper (D-CO); Reps. Kustoff (R-TN) & Kuster (D-NH)*

Establishes two new grant programs to increase access to emergency care in rural areas through Rural Health Clinics, community health centers, and local health departments.