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Immediate Relief for Rural Facilities and Providers Act
UTILIZING THREATENED RURAL HOSPITALS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

60 Million Americans depend on their rural hospital

126 Rural hospitals forced to close since 2010

While 2019 had the most rural hospital closures in American history, 2020 is on pace to double that record.

CHALLENGE

Rural hospitals primarily fund their operation through elective surgeries.

State and federal authorities have called for a halt on elective surgeries due to COVID-19.

The country is faced with a shortage of beds, which these threatened hospitals have.

OPPORTUNITY

With stabilization assistance from the government, rural hospitals could not only keep their doors open and continue to serve their communities, their open beds could be used to transfer patients from overwhelmed urban hospitals.

In fact, a number of rural hospitals currently have ventilator capacity at this time, so they could provide immediate relief to urban hospitals.

PROVISIONS

Provide immediate relief for rural hospitals.

Provide stabilization for rural hospitals.

Encourage hospital coordination.

Provide stabilization and relief for providers.

Provide funding for physicians and providers.