

DC Update



Rural Health Cong Landscape

- February 18 Appropriations Deadline to pass FY '22 bill to fund government through September 30, 2022
- Fiscal Year 2023 Congressional process also moving forward this year
- Deadline to submit requests for Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations bill generally in March-April
- Pieces of Build Back Better could be advanced continuing rural health provisions.

101 on Meeting with a Member

- Member Profile
 - Members love stories
 - Schedules often go by the 15 minutes
- Make the local connection
- Support your ask by talking about impact to constituents
- Get a staff contact
- Members have seen everything
- Don't worry about knowing every answer

101 on Meeting with a Staffer

- Staffer Profile
 - They are YOUNG!
 - Cover a range of issues beyond health care and rural health
- Staffers are narrowly focused on the impact of health programs to their district and state.
- Don't be a slave to the “one pager”
- Make the ask
- **But, MOST IMPORTANT, make the connection!**

The Ask

- **Cosponsor H.R. 6400, Save America's Rural Hospital Act** by Reps. Sam Graves (R-MO), Jared Huffman (D-CA)
 - Sect 401 of H.R. 6400 reauthorizes the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grants. NOSORH encourages strong support for this provision.
 - Emphasis for Ways & Means/Energy and Commerce Cmt members
 - Looking for Senate companion bill
- **Increase SORH funding in FY 2023 Labor-HHS appropriations bill to \$15 million.**
 - Current law authorizes \$12.5 million for SORH for FY 2018-2022.
 - Explain how increase benefits your SORH.

After the Meeting, Follow Up

- Important to stay on the radar after meeting with member or staff
- Send Thank You notes
- Send periodic emails



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