



Reauthorizing the State Office of Rural Health Program

What Congress Can Do:

In 2023, Congress reauthorized the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) program through Public Law No. 117-356, securing the program through FY 2027. **We urge Congress to act now to reauthorize the SORH program**, ensuring all 50 State Offices of Rural Health can continue their critical work supporting rural communities without interruption.



No Other Program Does the Work of a State Office of Rural Health

SORH are the only statewide entities specifically designed to work at the local level, connecting federal and state resources to the unique healthcare needs of rural and frontier communities.

The SORH Program provides the federal funding that makes this work possible.

Improving the Health of Nearly 61 Million Rural Americans for 25+ Years

In FY24, State Offices of Rural Health delivered measurable results for rural communities nationwide:

- **2.6 million+** visits to trusted SORH websites for rural health information
- **84,000+** technical assistance interactions, supporting more than **30,000** rural stakeholders and organizations
- Approximately **130,000** rural constituents engaged through listservs, including **96,000+** newsletter subscribers

Source: HRSA, SORH Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS), 2024.

SORH Program Reauthorization is Vital to Rural Health

- ✓ **Strengthens Rural Health Outcomes** – Sustained funding enhances the effectiveness of SORH programs in improving the health and well-being of rural communities.
- ✓ **Ensures Continuity of Services** – Reauthorization allows SORH to maintain and expand programs that directly improve access to care and strengthen rural health systems.
- ✓ **Supports Long-Term Planning & Investment** – States can confidently plan for workforce development, telehealth, emergency services, and other long-term initiatives.
- ✓ **Enables Programmatic Flexibility** – Authorized funding allows states to respond to evolving rural health challenges with innovative, locally tailored solutions.
- ✓ **Leverages Additional Resources** – Federal funding attracts other public and private investment, amplifying the impact of rural health programs.

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