

Ohio Rural Health Association

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What We Fight for on Behalf of Rural

- Investing in a Strong Rural Health Safety Net
- Reducing Rural Healthcare Workforce Shortages
- Addressing Rural Declining Life Expectancy and Inequality



Advocacy

What is happening in the Executive Branch

- Regulation season is upon us!
 - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) [comments](#) were due on June 10.
 - Inpatient Prospective Payment System [comments](#) were due on June 17.
 - Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Physician Fee Schedule regulations were released in July.
 - Regulations setting up the Conditions of Participation for the REH were released in July, too.
- Biden administration extends public health emergency through mid-October.
 - This continues flexibilities afforded to rural providers for an additional 90 days.
 - Telehealth is continued 151 days beyond the end of the PHE.

What is happening in Congress

- NRHA has begun advocacy regarding the FY 2023 appropriations process.
 - House Appropriations Committee passed L-HHS-E bill has great funding levels for rural health.
 - NRHA expects this to be an Omnibus bill.
 - Wants to see non-appropriations provisions ride with it. This includes Medicare extenders.
- Reconciliation rebound?
 - After the Build Back Better package failed in the fall, Congressional Democrats are looking for avenues to pass a reconciliation bill this summer.
- Other vehicles that may move?
 - PREVENT Pandemics Act
 - Mental health bill

Five tips for effective advocacy

1. Have a specific ask.
2. Talk to a decision maker.
3. Know who you're talking to.
4. Inform them why it is important to their constituents.
5. Be concise and follow up.

2022 NRHA Advocacy Resources

Advocacy 101 Guide

Sharing your perspective and expertise is vital to help your elected officials understand and address the issues impacting your community!

- Advocacy 101: [Your guide to advocate for rural health change](#)
- Appendix A: [Sample invitation letter](#)
- Appendix B: [Sample media advisory](#)
- Appendix C: [Sample thank you letter](#)
- Appendix D: [NRHA's 'what we do' one-pager](#)



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https://www.ruralhealth.us/NRHA/media/Emerge_NRHA/PDFs/Advocacy-Guide-FINAL.pdf

How to engage now

Participate in NRHA's advocacy campaigns

- An advocacy campaign is a pre-drafted message you can send to your elected official on Capitol Hill to encourage change or provide awareness.
- NRHA allows for the customization of each message.
- These messages go directly to your elected official using your email address and zip code. It's quick advocacy that the office reads!
- Once you establish a relationship with the staffer. NRHA encourages you to take the pre drafted message and put it in an email to send directly to the contact you have. The impact will be better that route!

Current advocacy campaigns



**Urge Congress to Protect
the 340B Drug Pricing
Program**

**Urge Congress to Use the
Upcoming Pandemic Relief
Package to Ensure Stability
for Rural Providers**

**Urge Congress to pass Save
America's Rural Hospitals
Act**

**Urge Congress to Include
Rural Friendly Provisions in
PREVENT Pandemics Act**

**Urge Congress to Invest in
Rural Health**

2022 NRHA Legislative Tracker

Legislative Tracker

NRHA is tracking rural health legislation in Congress to advance quality of life across rural America.

NRHA's legislative tracker enables you to view the rural health bills in Congress the association is monitoring, including those we endorse and oppose. Bills are searchable and categorized by topic area. By clicking on a bill, you can find its summary, review cosponsors, and stay up to date on congressional actions.

Through activities such as NRHA's annual **Rural Health Policy Institute** and **ongoing grassroots campaigns**, NRHA members actively participate in advocacy efforts to advance needed rural health legislation.

For further information or to recommend bills for the legislative tracker, **contact NRHA's government affairs team**.

Find Legislation

Federal

Hospitals & Health Systems

[H.R. 1639: Rural Hospital Closure Relief Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022) ✓

[H.R. 1887: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to rebase the calculation of payments for sole community hospitals and Medicare-dependent hospitals, and for other purposes.](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022) ✓

[H.R. 2454: To amend title XVIII to strengthen ambulance services furnished under part B of the Medicare program.](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022) ✓

[S. 644: Rural Hospital Closure Relief Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022) ✓

[S. 999: Save Rural Hospitals Act of 2021](#) | 117th Congress (2021-2022) ✓

<https://www.ruralhealth.us/advocate/nrha-legislative-tracker>

2022 NRHA Advocacy Goodies

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- Engage with NRHA Advocacy online!
 - Social media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#)
- Contact your NRHA Government Affairs Team
- Email: [Carrie Cochran-McClain](#), [Josh Jorgensen](#), [Alexa McKinley](#)



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