

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

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WHO DID WE MEET WITH?

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Key Members of Congress, CMS Administrator Seema Verma, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, critical senior staff at CMMI, HRSA, HHS, CMS, HUD, DOT, USDA, FCC, DEA, the Senate Finance and HELP Committees, the House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees, and the Farm Bill Conference Committee

OUR LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

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Millions of dollars in rural health safety net funding; New programs for rural health in the Farm Bill; Senate passage of State Offices of Rural Health Reauthorization Bill; Opioid program funding specific to rural areas; Senate Finance rural health hearing and the beginning of work on a new rural model; Regulatory reform in the House Ways and Means Committee

OUR REGULATORY VICTORIES

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Preservation of the Critical Access Hospital 35-mile requirement; 340B cuts exemption for Sole Community Hospitals; Deprioritization of the 96-Hour Rule and therapy supervision requirements; Low-Volume Hospital - Indian Health Service Facility proximity fix; Hospital Star Ratings solution; Federal Communications Commission Connected Care Program introduced

GROWING OUR RURAL VOICE

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Through our Twitter and social media, we reached more Washington insiders and policy influencers across the country this year. Because of our growing presence as thought and policy leaders in Washington, we have had more interactions with press in 2018 than ever before, with articles in Politico, the New York Times, among many others.

BRINGING YOUR VOICE TO WASHINGTON

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Our victories showcase our growth as an organization and the power of the rural voice here in Washington, D.C., but as a new Congress begins this January, we need you here in the nation's capital. Looking to the future, we hope that you will join us for NRHA's 30th Annual Rural Health Policy Institute this February 5-7.