

Amendment offered by Ms. Tokuda of Hawai'i

Amendment description

The amendment would authorize funding within the Community Facilities program to be used to reimburse hospitals for revenue loss due to temporary reductions in patient volume or service delivery and support staffing costs necessary to maintain essential services.

AMENDMENT

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At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

1 **SEC. _____. RURAL HOSPITAL OPERATIONS AND WORK-**
2 **FORCE.**

3 Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
4 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(27) COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS FOR
7 RURAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
9 make a loan or grant to an eligible health care
10 facility (as defined in section 342(c)(3)), which
11 may be used for the following:

12 “(i) Reimbursement for revenue loss
13 incurred by the facility due to temporary
14 reductions in patient volume or service de-
15 livery attributable to a workforce shortage,
16 public health emergency, or other oper-
17 ational disruption.

18 “(ii) Support for workforce costs, in-
19 cluding recruitment, retention, hazard pay,

1 and training necessary to maintain essen-
2 tial healthcare services.

3 “(iii) Administrative costs reasonably
4 necessary to implement clause (i) or (ii), as
5 determined by the Secretary.

6 “(B) REGULATIONS.—Within 1 year after
7 the date of the enactment of this paragraph,
8 the Secretary shall promulgate regulations to
9 carry out this paragraph.

10 “(C) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF
11 APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry out this para-
12 graph, there is authorized to be appropriated
13 not more than \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal
14 years 2027 through 2031, which are authorized
15 to remain available until expended.”.

