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[Report No. 119-]

To reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. RULLI, and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To reauthorize certain programs regarding rural health care.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Care in
5 Rural America Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. RURAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTREACH,**
7 **RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT,**
8 **AND SMALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER QUAL-**
9 **ITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS.**

10 (a) RURAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTREACH
11 GRANTS.—Section 330A(e) of the Public Health Service
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(e)) is amended by adding at the end
13 the following:

14 “(4) USE OF FUNDS FOR RURAL UNDERSERVED
15 POPULATIONS.—In awarding a grant under this sub-
16 section, the Director shall ensure that the funds
17 made available through the grant will be used, as
18 appropriate—

19 “(A) to meet the health care needs of rural
20 underserved populations in the local community
21 or region to be served; and

22 “(B) for other activities to ensure the rural
23 underserved populations in the local community
24 or region to be served will be involved in the de-

1 velopment and ongoing operations of the
2 project.”.

3 (b) RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
4 GRANTS.—Section 330A(f) of the Public Health Service
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(f)) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(4) USE OF FUNDS FOR RURAL UNDERSERVED
8 POPULATIONS.—In awarding a grant under this sub-
9 section, the Director shall ensure that the funds
10 made available through the grant will be used, as
11 appropriate—

12 “(A) to increase access to quality health
13 care services through integrated health care
14 networks for the rural underserved populations
15 in the local community or region to be served;
16 and

17 “(B) for other activities to ensure the rural
18 underserved populations in the local community
19 or region to be served will benefit from and be
20 involved in the planning, development, and on-
21 going implementation of the network.”.

22 (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 330A(j) of the Pub-
23 lic Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(j)) is amended by
24 striking “2021 through 2025” and inserting “2026
25 through 2030”.