

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 29, 2025

The Honorable Dr. Mehmet Oz
CMS Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Administrator Oz,

We are writing to you today to express our strong support for the Commonwealth of Virginia's Rural Health Transformation application. These funds will provide an important step forward to bring more care and access to our constituents. We are hopeful the application submitted will show the need for the funds to continue the progress being made to help rural Virginians.

As you know, the Rural Health Transformation program was created in H.R. 1 that was signed into law on July 4, 2025. The program aims to achieve five strategic goals: Make Rural America Healthy Again, Sustainable Access, Workforce Development, Innovative Care, and Tech Innovation.

In order to fully understand how this new program can be most impactful to Virginia, Governor Youngkin's administration held listening sessions in 12 different and unique rural communities across Virginia. These sessions provided critical insight into the challenges these areas face when it comes to health care that fits into CMS' goals of the program. Virginia tailored their application to four buckets that were crafted to ensure the funding is going to the areas that need it the most.

A few underlying themes that were prominent at all 12 listening sessions were the health care deserts these areas face, especially when it comes to maternity care. They also heard about the severe health care workforce shortages, transportation barriers, and food insecurities being factors into why these funds are critically needed to mitigate these impacts.

We hope that you give this proposal by Virginia full consideration and look favorably on the initiatives they plan to undertake. The Commonwealth of Virginia is committed to helping individuals in rural communities receive the best possible care and working towards the stated goals of this Rural Health Transformation program.

We thank you for considering their proposal and hope that you choose to move forward with their application.

Sincerely,

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H. Morgan Griffith
Member of Congress

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