

HR 4898

Rural Health Innovation Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Riggleman, Denver [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Nov 26, 2019
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Mar 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2411	Identical bill	Jul 31, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill establishes two grant programs to increase access to emergency care in remote rural areas where the nearest emergency department is at least 30 minutes away or inaccessible by road.

First, the bill requires the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to provide grants to establish or maintain federally-qualified health centers or rural health clinics located remote rural areas. Eligible health centers or clinics must (1) employ physicians and professional clinical and support staff; (2) have laboratories, x-ray machines, and cardiac monitors on site; and (3) provide walk-in urgent care, and staging for transport to an emergency department.

Further, the bill requires HRSA to provide grants to rural health departments that are located in remote rural areas to support the provision of emergency services, triage and transport to emergency departments, primary care services, or other similar services. Eligible rural health departments must (1) have a nursing staff and medical equipment, (2) agree to provide such emergency or similar services, and (3) submit an estimated cost for the first year of staffing and equipment.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 29, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.