

## HR 1838

Affordable Access to Rural Health Care Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 11, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 12, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1838>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Mar 11, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 11, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Affordable Access to Rural Health Care Act**

This bill temporarily exempts newly constructed or purchased rural health clinics (RHCs) from Medicare payment limits.

Specifically, the bill exempts an RHC from payment limits for its first year of services upon certification that a hospital had a binding written agreement with an outside unrelated party to construct or purchase the RHC before March 30, 2021.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must conduct a related compliance audit within 60 days of the bill's enactment.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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