

## HR 8508

Rural Physician Workforce Production Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 26, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. (Jul 26, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8508>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Aug 9, 2022
Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Aug 12, 2022
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Aug 26, 2022
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Sep 26, 2022
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Oct 11, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 26, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 26, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1893	Related bill	<b>May 27, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## **Rural Physician Workforce Production Act of 2022**

This bill allows certain hospitals to receive additional payment under Medicare for full-time equivalent residents who receive training in rural areas.

Specifically, hospitals, critical access hospitals, sole community hospitals, and rural emergency hospitals may elect to receive payment for time spent by a resident in a rural training location if the resident trains for at least eight weeks in the location and the hospital pays the salary and benefits of the resident during this time. Additionally, hospitals may receive payment for all time spent by residents in a residency program in which 50% of all training is in rural locations, regardless of where the training occurs or specialty.

Payments are based on the difference between the total amount of eligible payments (as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and the amount of graduate medical education payments received (if applicable).

### **Actions Timeline**

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