

## HR 944

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program to encourage specialty medicine physicians to serve in rural communities experiencing a shortage of specialty medicine physicians, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 8, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 9, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/944>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]

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

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Sep 14, 2021
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Nov 15, 2021
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jan 10, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 8, 2021)

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This bill directs the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to carry out a loan repayment program for certain specialty medicine physicians who provide care in rural communities with shortages of such physicians. Physicians must agree to a period of obligated service and, for each year of such service, HRSA must pay one-sixth of the principal payment and interest on eligible loans up to a maximum cap of \$250,000.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 8, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.