**Proposed Survey for Rural Access Hospitals** Draft 1.4.20

Thank you for participating in this brief survey. The NYS Association for Rural Health is a member of the National Rural Health Association <https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/>

Please answer these few questions to guide our Advocacy.

1. The Senate Finance Committee has been working on a *Rural Health Care Package* of legislation. <https://www.finance.senate.gov/grassley-op-ed-improving-rural-health-care>
   1. Are you aware of this initiative?
   2. Do you support the Senate Rural Health Care Package?
   3. Are there elements in the Senate Rural Health Care Package you object to?
   4. Comments?
2. The House *Seeding Rural Resilience Act* will help farmers and ranchers address mental health concerns. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4820>
   1. Are you aware of this initiative?
   2. Do you support the House Seeding Rural Resilience Act?
   3. Are there elements in the House Seeding Rural Resilience Act you object to?
   4. Comments?
3. NYSARH supports the *Rural and Maternal Obstetric Modernization Act* (Rural MOMS) legislation introduced by Senators Tina Smith (D-MN) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) to address the root causes of the maternal mortality issues and improve access to quality maternal and obstetric care. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2373> This Bill is also H. R. 4243 introduced by Representative Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM).

Obstetric care is particularly challenging in rural areas. A recent study showed that birth complications are more likely in rural areas. <http://www.startribune.com/childbirth-deaths-and-complications-are-more-likely-in-rural-america/565808792/>

* 1. Are you aware of this initiative?
  2. Do you support the Bipartisan Rural MOMS Act?
  3. Are there elements in the Rural and Maternal Obstetric Modernization Act you object to?
  4. Comments?

1. Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) and John Barrasso (R-WY) introduced the *Strengthening Our Rural Health Workforce Act of 2019* in November. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2902>
   1. Are you aware of this initiative?
   2. Do you support the Strengthening Our Rural Health Workforce Act?
   3. Are there elements in the Strengthening Our Rural Health Workforce Act you object to?
   4. Comments?
2. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) and Pat Roberts (R-KS) introduced the *Rural ACO Improvement Act* in October. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2648/text> to amend the benchmarking formula for Medicare Shared Saving Program.
   1. Are you aware of this initiative?
   2. Do you support the Rural ACO Improvement Act?
   3. Are there elements in the Rural ACO Improvement Act you object to?
   4. Comments?
3. There are many Medicaid and Medicare programs we could ask about, but that would make the survey too long. If you would like to comment on Critical Access, Sole Provider, Long-Term Care, DSRIP, Workforce or other issues, please use the space below.

Comment Box

1. NYSARH invites you to participate in our annual Rural Health conference.

Save the Date: NYS Rural Health Conference

September 16-18, Lake Ontario Conference Center, Oswego NY

Thank you for your participation in this survey. The NYS Association for Rural Health looks forward to your engagement as a Member.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact [Sara@NYSARH.org](mailto:Sara@NYSARH.org).

THANK YOU.