

Rural Mobile Health Access Act

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “**Rural Mobile Health Access Act.**”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

To expand access to basic healthcare services in rural and underserved communities through the deployment of mobile health clinics, without imposing new taxes or increasing federal spending.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

- “**Mobile Health Clinic**” means a vehicle-based medical unit capable of delivering primary care, diagnostics, and preventive services.
- “**Underserved Area**” means any county or census tract designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as medically underserved.
- “**Eligible Provider**” means any nonprofit, public health entity, or federally qualified health center (FQHC) capable of operating mobile clinics.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF MOBILE HEALTH PROGRAM

- (a) The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish a grant program to fund the deployment of mobile health clinics in underserved areas.
- (b) Grants shall be awarded to Eligible Providers based on need, geographic coverage, and operational capacity.
- (c) Priority shall be given to counties with:
- (1) Uninsured rates exceeding 15%
 - (2) No hospital within 25 miles
 - (3) Documented transportation barriers

SECTION 5. FUNDING

- (a) Funding shall be drawn from existing appropriations under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program and the Community Health Centers Fund.
- (b) No new taxes shall be levied to implement this Act.
- (c) Administrative costs shall not exceed 5% of total program funding.

SECTION 6. TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING

(a) All grant recipients shall submit quarterly reports detailing:

- (1) Number of patients served
- (2) Services provided
- (3) Operational costs

(b) Reports shall be made publicly available via the HHS website and archived for a minimum of 5 years.

SECTION 7. SUNSET CLAUSE

This Act shall remain in effect for 10 years from the date of enactment, subject to renewal by Congressional vote.

Legislative References – Rural Mobile Health Clinics

- **42 U.S. Code § 254b** – Health Centers Program
- **42 U.S. Code § 247d-3a** – Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- **45 CFR Part 164** – HIPAA Security Rule
- **U.S. Census Bureau** – Rural Designation Criteria
- **IRS Publication 15** – Payroll Tax and Tip Reporting Guidance (for mobile staffing compliance)