

Use Your Voice – Advocate on Behalf of RHC Burden Reduction Act

We need your help in generating support for the [Rural Health Clinic Burden Reduction Act \(S.198\)](#)! This important piece of legislation modernizes 5 pieces of the RHC statute written in 1977 to better reflect the changing world of health care delivery.

1. Modernizes RHC physician supervision requirements by aligning them to state scope of practice laws governing PA and NP practice.
2. Removes the requirement that RHCs must “directly provide” certain lab services on site and allows RHCs to instead offer “prompt access” to these services.
3. Allows RHCs the flexibility to contract with or employ PAs and NPs.
4. Maintains status quo location eligibility, allowing RHCs to be located in an area that is not in an urban area of 50,000 or more, given that the Census Bureau no longer utilizes the term “urbanized area.”
5. Removes a barrier that limits RHCs provision of behavioral health services in areas experiencing a shortage of such services.

Please watch the brief video [here](#) where Nathan Baugh and Sarah Hohman from the NARHC DC Office provide a walkthrough of the bill and the importance of your involvement in pushing it forward this Congress. **We cannot pass this bill alone!** Your Senators need to hear from you – the people that these provisions will directly impact.

Contacting your Senators is vitally important, and through our [messaging software](#) is as simple as entering your address, modifying a brief message to show your support of S.198, and clicking send! You can find further details on the bill and the easy-to-use messaging software on [NARHC.org](#).

With any questions on the legislation or how to get involved in NARHC’s advocacy efforts, please email Sarah Hohman at Sarah.Hohman@narhc.org. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

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