

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### **USDA Partners with the National Rural Health Association to Provide Technical Assistance to Rural Hospitals Across the Nation**

#### *Department Highlights Partnership on National Rural Health Day*

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 2023** – On [National Rural Health Day](#), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced its partnership with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) to provide technical assistance to rural hospitals across the nation.

USDA is awarding NRHA a \$2 million cooperative agreement to implement a technical assistance pilot program for hospitals located in rural communities of 50,000 or less.

The technical assistance will help rural hospitals better manage their financial and business strategies to improve performance, prevent further hospital closings, and strengthen the delivery of health care for rural communities.

NRHA is a national nonprofit membership organization providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research.

#### **Background: National Rural Health Day**

Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is committed to making sure that people, no matter where they live, have access to high-quality health care services. The Department is committed to supporting rural America to promote healthy communities for people through its various programs and resources to improve rural health and create thriving communities.

As the nation's leading federal government organization that represents and advocates for rural communities, USDA recognizes National Rural Health Day on Thursday, Nov. 16 to highlight the many ways the Department is addressing the unique challenges that people living in rural and Tribal communities face to improve rural health.

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