



# Quick Update

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# NHCW 2025

- Videos (NACHC, Staff Video)
- Gift Cards
- Daily Trivia
- Site Staff Photos
- Food Truck making rounds to sites
- Groundbreaking – Biggie!



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# Advocacy – OB<sup>3</sup>

## 1. Protection for FQHC Coverage

The bill explicitly **exempts FQHCs** (and Rural Health Clinics, plus mental health/substance use disorder services) from **imposing cost-sharing requirements** on primary care, behavioral health, or substance use disorder services—helping ensure these essential services remain accessible without financial burden to patients in rural areas.

## 2. Massive \$50 B Rural Health Transformation Fund

OB<sup>3</sup> creates a **\$50 billion Rural Health Transformation Program**, administered by CMS from **2026 to 2030** (\$10B per year). States must submit **Rural Health Transformation Plans (RHTP)** by **December 31, 2025**. Eligible entities include rural and urban hospitals, healthcare providers, including FQHCs, and technology platforms. The plans must address:

- Access to care
- Health outcomes
- Deployment of new technologies (like AI)
- Regional provider collaborations
- Workforce recruitment and training
- Data-driven quality improvements

## 3. Broader Context: Offsets from Spending Cuts

While the bill provides these new rural health-driven funds, it simultaneously enacts **large spending cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and other social safety net programs**, totaling reductions around **\$1.4 trillion**, which partly offset its tax and spending cuts elsewhere.

This reduction may strain rural healthcare ecosystems reliant on Medicaid reimbursements and social supports.

**In a nutshell, we're about to push state advocacy like we never before.**

**Luckily, almost all of our state reps are on the Medical Affairs Committee.**

