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Cost Estimate

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H.R. 2493, Improving Care in Rural America Reauthorization Act of 2025

As reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on October 3, 2025

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2030	2026-2035
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	32	330	390

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 2493 would reauthorize the appropriation of $80 million each year from 2026 through 2030 for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to expand delivery of health care services in rural areas, implement integrated health care networks in rural areas, and engage in activities to improve the quality of small rural health care providers. In 2025, HRSA allocated $68 million for those activities.

Based on historical spending patterns for those activities and assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2493 would cost $330 million over the 2026-2030 period and $60 million after 2030.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 550 (health).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2493

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2026-2030
Authorization	80	80	80	80	80	398
Estimated Outlays	32	66	76	78	78	330

See also
CBO's Cost Estimates Explained, *CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process*, *Glossary*

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