

RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Phil Lyman

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the rural county health care facilities tax.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ clarifies that a third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class county may use revenue from a rural county facilities health care tax to fund rural emergency medical services in that county; and

▸ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

59-12-801, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 50

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **59-12-801** is amended to read:

59-12-801. Definitions.

As used in this part:



28 (1) "Emergency medical services" [~~is as~~] means the same as that term is defined in
29 Section 26-8a-102.

30 (2) "Federally qualified health center" is as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395x.

31 (3) "Freestanding urgent care center" means a facility that provides outpatient health
32 care service:

33 (a) on an as-needed basis, without an appointment;

34 (b) to the public;

35 (c) for the diagnosis and treatment of a medical condition if that medical condition
36 does not require hospitalization or emergency intervention for a life threatening or potentially
37 permanently disabling condition; and

38 (d) including one or more of the following services:

39 (i) a medical history physical examination;

40 (ii) an assessment of health status; or

41 (iii) treatment:

42 (A) for a variety of medical conditions; and

43 (B) that is commonly offered in a physician's office.

44 (4) "Nursing care facility" [~~is as~~] means the same as that term is defined in Section
45 26-21-2.

46 (5) "Rural city hospital" means a hospital owned by a city that is located within a third,
47 fourth, fifth, or sixth class county.

48 (6) "Rural county health care facility" means a:

49 (a) rural county hospital; or

50 (b) rural county nursing care facility.

51 (7) "Rural county hospital" means a hospital owned by a county that is:

52 (a) a third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class county, as defined in Section 17-50-501; and

53 (b) located outside of a standard metropolitan statistical area, as designated by the
54 United States Bureau of the Census.

55 (8) "Rural county nursing care facility" means a nursing care facility owned by:

56 (a) a county that is:

57 (i) a third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class county, as defined in Section 17-50-501; and

58 (ii) located outside of a standard metropolitan statistical area, as designated by the

59 United States Census Bureau; or

60 (b) a special service district if the special service district is:

61 (i) created for the purpose of operating the nursing care facility; and

62 (ii) within a county that is:

63 (A) a third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class county, as defined in Section 17-50-501; and

64 (B) located outside of a standard metropolitan statistical area, as designated by the

65 United States Census Bureau.

66 (9) "Rural emergency medical services" means emergency medical services that are
67 provided by a county that is:

68 (a) a [~~fifth~~] third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class county, as defined in Section 17-50-501;

69 and

70 (b) located outside of a standard metropolitan statistical area, as designated by the

71 United States Census Bureau.

72 (10) "Rural health clinic" is as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395x.