



March 25, 2026

The Honorable Chris Rogers  
Member, California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5130  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1811 - SPONSOR  
As Amended March 19, 2026**

Dear Assemblymember Rogers:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD), we are pleased to sponsor Assembly Bill 1811, which supports rural, medically underserved, and low-income communities by preserving Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designations.

HPSA designations, determined by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), identify areas and populations with critical workforce shortages and enable access to key recruitment and retention tools, including loan repayment programs, scope-of-practice flexibilities, and enhanced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. Although HPSA determinations are made at the federal level, many state-administered workforce programs rely on these designations for prioritization.

In 2026, 285 of approximately 5,000 California HPSA designations are proposed for withdrawal, despite continued workforce shortages in those areas. Assembly Bill 1811 would preserve HPSA designations held as of January 1, 2025, through January 1, 2035, for purposes of state benefits, incentives, and resource prioritization, and would authorize the Department of Health Care Access and Information to authorize new HPSAs. Without state action, the loss of these designations will jeopardize access to critical programs for healthcare providers in underserved areas.

Maintaining HPSA designations is essential to the state's ability to identify and support high-need communities. For these reasons, RCRC and ACHD are pleased to sponsor Assembly Bill 1811 and appreciate your leadership on this issue. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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