



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1044

Introduced by: The Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Health

1 **An Act to make an appropriation to implement the rural health transformation**
2 **program, and to declare an emergency.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is appropriated \$500,000,000 in federal fund expenditure authority, to the
5 Department of Health, for implementing the rural health transformation program in this state
6 as authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Pub. L. No. 119-21 (July 4, 2025).

7 **Section 2.** The secretary of the Department of Health shall approve vouchers and the state
8 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

9 **Section 3.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June
10 30, 2031, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

11 **Section 4.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
12 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
13 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.