

2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1044**AMENDMENT 1044A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

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~~ \$298,525,200 in federal fund expenditure
5 authority, to the Department of Health, for implementing the rural health transformation
6 program in this state, as authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Pub. L. No. 119-21 (July
7 4, 2025).

8 **Section 2.** There is appropriated \$103,474,800 in federal fund expenditure authority, to the
9 Department of Social Services, for implementing the rural health transformation program in
10 this state, as authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Pub. L. No. 119-21 (July 4, 2025).

11 **Section 3.** The Department of Health and the Department of Social Services shall submit
12 quarterly expense reports to the Department of Legislative Audit and the Legislative Research
13 Council listing expenditures, by rural health transformation program initiative, using the
14 authority appropriated in this Act until the authority is exhausted.

15 **Section 4.** The secretary of the Department of Health shall approve vouchers and the state
16 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by ~~section 1~~ of this Act.

17 **Section 5.** The secretary of the Department of Social Services shall approve vouchers and
18 the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by ~~section 2~~ of this Act.

19 **Section 6.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by ~~June~~
20 ~~30, 2031~~ October 30, 2027, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in
21 chapter 4-8.

- 1 **Section 7.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
2 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
3 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

AMENDED