



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1044

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS ENGROSSED

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 \$402,000,000 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 Department of Health shall submit quarterly expense reports to the
8 Department of Legislative Audit and the Legislative Research Council listing expenditures, by
9 rural health transformation program initiative, using the authority appropriated in this Act
10 until the authority is exhausted.

11 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Health shall approve vouchers and the state
12 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.

13 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
14 October 30, 2027, shall revert in accordance with the procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

15 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
16 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
17 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.