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# HOUSE BILL 1043: 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act, Sec. 3.3(31): DHHS Funds for Rural and Underserved Communities Hit Hard by COVID-19

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 3.3(31) of S.L. 2020-4 requires the Office of State Budget and Management to allocate \$50,000,000 of the funds appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide funds for rural and underserved communities hit especially hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency funds allocated in this subdivision must support health provider grants, targeted Medicaid assistance for rural hardship grants to nonhospital providers, enhanced Telehealth services, transportation for critical services, health care security for the uninsured, the Office of Minority Health, and related items.*

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