



Executive Department
State of Idaho

State Capitol
Boise

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-08
MAKING RURAL IDAHO HEALTHY AGAIN ACT**

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2025, President Donald J. Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, P.L. 119-21, preventing a massive tax increase on all Americans, further cutting taxes, shrinking the size and scope of the federal government, and making historic investments in rural health with the creation of the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP); and

WHEREAS, the RHTP fund set aside \$50 billion nationally, and potentially exceeding \$1 billion for Idaho, over the next five (5) years to make rural America healthy again, provide sustainable access to rural residents, develop the rural health workforce, implement innovative care models, and adopt technology innovations; and

WHEREAS, while RHTP is a significant investment and will improve health in rural Idaho, it is also timebound, and Idaho must prudently use this limited resource without creating future state obligations after federal funding sunsets;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order that:

- 1. The Idaho Rural Health Taskforce is created and authorized to advise on the application of the RHTP in Idaho.*
- 2. The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members. The Task Force's membership shall be as follows:*
 - a. Ex Officio Members:*
 - i. The Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) or designee;*
 - ii. The Adjutant General of the Idaho Military Division or designee;*
 - iii. The Executive Director of the Idaho State Board of Education;*
 - iv. The Executive Director of the Idaho Workforce Development Council;*
 - v. The Co-Chairmen of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, who shall serve on the task force during their legislative terms of office; and*
 - vi. The Chairmen of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and House Health and Welfare Committee, who shall serve on the task force during their legislative terms of office;*
 - b. Member appointed by the Governor:*
 - i. One (1) representative of an Idaho tribal nation;*
- 3. The Director of DHW or designee shall serve as chair of the Task Force.*
- 4. The Task Force shall receive administrative support from DHW.*
- 5. It is the intent of the Governor that the Task Force sunset on the expiration of this order under law. Therefore, the Task Force shall coordinate with the leadership of rural stakeholders to carry out this order, transform rural health care in Idaho, and improve the lives of Idahoans.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 17th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

A blue ink signature of Phil McGrane, consisting of a stylized 'P' and 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE

A blue ink signature of Brad Little, featuring a stylized 'B' and 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR