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## **Legislative Action Alert**

May 18, 2011

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Dear SCAA member,

The HRSA Rural and Community Access to Emergency Devices Program, which provides grants to states to deploy AEDs in rural areas, may not be funded in Fiscal Year 2012. President Obama has proposed to “zero out” funding for the program in his FY 2012 budget. And to make matters worse, HRSA just unveiled a plan that would significantly reduce its current spending to \$236,000! While Congress ultimately decides the fate for the coming year, it is critical that we garner as much support for the continuation of this program NOW.

### **Here's where we need your help:**

Senators Conrad and Grassley are circulating a “sign-on” letter throughout the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education, asking committee members for continued support of a number of rural health programs (including HRSA's Rural AED Program) in the Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Bill.

- Please contact your senators by **FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011**, and urge them to sign-on to this letter.
- Senators who serve on the Rural Health Caucus will be most likely to support the “sign on” letter. To see if your Senator is a member of the Caucus, [check here](#).
- When you speak with a senators' staff member, please tell them to contact Dana in Senator Conrad's office at 202-224-2043 or Rodney in Senator Grassley's office at 202-224-3744.

Please don't hesitate to contact SCAA with any questions or concerns at 202-534-1875. Thank you so much for your help and support of this life-saving program!

Lisa A. Levine, CAE

President

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