Rural Hospitals and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act:

How VersaBadge Powers Sustainable RHTP Transformation with Location-Aware Technology

VersaBadge brings nearly a decade of rural-focused innovation to its affordable RTLS platform, designed specifically for the needs of Critical Access Hospitals. As a single, scalable solution, it enables measurable progress across the following RHTP pillars:

RHTP Priority:

Providing payments to healthcare providers for the provision of healthcare items or services

VersaBadge's Solution:
Improve Medicare reimbursement
with more accurate time studies

Accurate time studies are foundational to ensuring appropriate provider payments; yet, they remain one of the most challenging functions for rural hospitals to execute consistently. Based on average client returns in 2024, CAHs recover more than \$150,000 annually in additional Medicare reimbursement simply by improving how ER standby time studies are captured and reported. Further ROI is often realized through other payors and more precise time study allocations.

RHTP Priority:

Recruiting and retaining clinical workforce talent to rural areas

VersaBadge's Solution:
Support recruitment and retention
by improving staff safety

A safe work environment is fundamental to retaining clinical staff, particularly in rural settings where staffing and security are limited. When safety is prioritized, employees are more likely to stay, reducing turnover and improving continuity of care. VersaBadge addresses this need with discreet, location-aware duress alerting that enables immediate response in critical situations, improves culture of safety, reduces burnout, and supports long-term staff retention.

RHTP Priority:

Adoption and use of health information technology to improve care efficiency and outcomes

VersaBadge's Solution:
A scalable infrastructure that
drives quality, safety, efficiency

VersaBadge offers customizable RTLS capabilities that enable rural hospitals to deploy tools such as hand hygiene monitoring, rounding verification, contact tracing, and asset tracking that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive. This flexibility allows hospitals to strengthen quality, safety, and efficiency based on their specific priorities and ultimately improve patient outcomes.

A Scalable Strategy for Critical Access Hospitals

As states move to implement the RHTP, VersaBadge offers a rural-proven, scalable platform to deliver measurable results across program pillars. Built in collaboration with Critical Access Hospitals and refined through nearly a decade of on-the-ground experience, VersaBadge is uniquely positioned to help rural hospitals and clinics translate this investment into sustainable improvements in care and financial resilience.