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LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE RURAL HEALTH SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today announced that he will introduce Monday in the Senate a bill that would provide millions of dollars of assistance to improve health services to rural areas.

The bill would authorize the expenditure of \$300 million over the next three years and would establish within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare an Office of Rural Health whose only responsibility would be to deal with rural health problems.

Dole said, "The Health care delivery problems in rural America are unique and deserve special attention. Most federal programs which are national in scope overlook the special problems of rural communities. This bill is intended to focus specifically on these rural needs."