

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1604

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2017

Ms. BASS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health IT Moderniza-  
5 tion for Underserved Communities Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ELIGIBILITY**  
2 **FOR MEDICAID ELECTRONIC HEALTH**  
3 **RECORD INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(t)(3)(B)(v) of the  
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(t)(3)(B)(v)) is  
6 amended by striking “insofar as the assistant is practicing  
7 in a rural health clinic that is led by a physician assistant  
8 or is practicing in a Federally qualified health center that  
9 is so led”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments made  
12 for calendar quarters beginning on or after the date of  
13 enactment of this Act.

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