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To amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to extend the rural community hospital demonstration program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FINKENAUER (for herself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to extend the rural community hospital demonstration program.

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 “Rural Community Hos-
5 pital Demonstration Extension Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE RURAL COMMUNITY**
7 **HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) EXTENSION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(5) of section
10 410A of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improve-

1 ment, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law
2 108–173; 42 U.S.C. 1395ww note), is amended by
3 striking “10-year extension period” and inserting
4 “15-year extension period”.

5 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS FOR EXTEN-
6 SION.—

7 (A) EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION PE-
8 RIOD.—Subsection (g) of such section 410A is
9 amended—

10 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
11 ing “TEN-YEAR” and inserting “FIFTEEN-
12 YEAR”;

13 (ii) in paragraph (1)—

14 (I) by striking “additional 10-
15 year” and inserting “additional 15-
16 year”; and

17 (II) by striking “10-year exten-
18 sion period” and inserting “15-year
19 extension period”;

20 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking “10-
21 year extension period” and inserting “15-
22 year extension period”;

23 (iv) in paragraph (3), by striking “10-
24 year extension period” and inserting “15-
25 year extension period”;

(v) in paragraph (4), by striking “10-year extension period” each place it appears and inserting “15-year extension period”;

(vi) in paragraph (5), by striking “10-year extension period” and inserting “15-year extension period”; and

(vii) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6), by striking “10-year extension period” and inserting “15-year extension period”.

(B) RULE FOR HOSPITALS THAT ARE NOT ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMONSTRATION.—Paragraph (5) of subsection (g) of such section 410A is amended—

(i) by striking “PROGRAM.—During” and inserting “PROGRAM.—

“(A) CURES ACT EXTENSION.—During”;

and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) ADDITIONAL EXTENSION.—During the third 5 years of the 15-year extension period, the Secretary shall apply the provisions of paragraph (4) to rural community hospitals

that are not described in paragraph (4) but are participating in the demonstration program under this section as of December 30, 2019, in a similar manner as such provisions apply to rural community hospitals described in paragraph (4).”.

(C) SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS.— Subparagraph (A) of subsection (g)(6) of such section 410A is amended—

(i) by striking “IN GENERAL.—The Secretary” and inserting “IN GENERAL.—“(i) CURES ACT SOLICITATION.—The Secretary”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(ii) ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION.—The Secretary shall, notwithstanding subsection (a)(2) or paragraph (2) of this subsection, not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this clause, issue a solicitation for applications to select up to the maximum number of additional rural community hospitals located in any State to participate in the demonstration program under this section for the third 5

1 years of the 15-year extension period with-
2 out exceeding the limitation under para-
3 graph (3) of this subsection.”.

4 (b) CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION OF CASE MIX
5 ADJUSTMENT.—Subsection (b) of such section 410A is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8 “(3) CASE MIX ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary
9 shall provide for an appropriate adjustment under
10 this paragraph to take into account variations in
11 case mix of rural community hospitals, using the
12 most recent case-mix data available.”.

13 (c) CHANGE IN TIMING FOR REPORT.—Subsection
14 (e) of such section 410A is amended by striking “Not later
15 than August 1, 2018” and inserting “Not later than Au-
16 gust 1, 2023”.

17 (d) CLARIFYING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such
18 section 410A, as amended by subsections (a), (b), and (c),
19 is further amended—

20 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “of Health
21 and Human Services” after “Secretary”;

22 (2) in subsection (f)(1)(A)(iv) by inserting “of
23 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4)” after
24 “section 1820”; and

25 (3) in subsection (g)—

1 (A) in the heading of paragraph (4), by
2 striking “HOSPITALS IN DEMONSTRATION PRO-
3 GRAM ON DATE OF ENACTMENT” and inserting
4 “HOSPITALS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEM-
5 ONSTRATION PROGRAM DURING THE INITIAL 5-
6 YEAR PERIOD”; and

7 (B) in clause (i) of paragraph (6)(A), as
8 amended by subsection (a)(2)(C)(i), by striking
9 “not later than 120 days after the date of the
10 enactment of this paragraph” and inserting
11 “not later than April 12, 2017”.

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