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S. 980

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payments for certain rural health clinic and Federally qualified health center services furnished to hospice patients under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Rural Access to Hos-
5 pice Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN RURAL HEALTH**
 2 **CLINIC AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH**
 3 **CENTER SERVICES FURNISHED TO HOSPICE**
 4 **PATIENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1812(d)(2) of the Social
 6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395d(d)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
 9 striking “subparagraphs (B) and (C)” and in-
 10 serting “the succeeding provisions of this para-
 11 graph”;

12 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the semi-
 13 colon at the end and inserting a period; and

14 (C) by striking the flush matter following
 15 clause (ii)(II); and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 17 paragraph:

18 “(E) Subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not apply to—

19 “(i) physicians’ services furnished by the
 20 individual’s attending physician (as defined in
 21 section 1861(dd)(3)(B)), if not an employee of
 22 the hospice program;

23 “(ii) services provided by (or under ar-
 24 rangements made by) the hospice program; or

25 “(iii) rural health clinic services (as de-
 26 fined in paragraph (1) of section 1861(aa)) and

1 Federally qualified health center services (as
2 defined in paragraph (3) of such section) if
3 such services—

4 “(I) would otherwise be physicians’
5 services if furnished by an individual not
6 affiliated with a rural health clinic (as de-
7 fined in paragraph (2) of such section) or
8 a Federally qualified health center (as de-
9 fined in paragraph (4) of such section);
10 and

11 “(II) are—

12 “(aa) furnished by the individ-
13 ual’s attending physician (as so de-
14 fined), if not an employee of the hos-
15 pice program; or

16 “(bb) provided under arrange-
17 ments made by the hospice program.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
20 the date that is six months after the date of the enactment
21 of this Act.

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