

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2881

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2017

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas (for herself, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. MOOLENAAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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,*

4 SEC. 2. MEDICARE PART A PAYMENT FOR ANESTHESIOLOGIST SERVICES IN CERTAIN RURAL HOSPITALS BASED ON CRNA PASS-THROUGH RULES.

“Anesthesiologist Services Provided in Certain Rural
Hospitals

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1 “(2) No payment shall be made under any other pro-
2 vision of this title for physicians’ services for which pay-
3 ment is made under this subsection.

4 “(3) A rural hospital described in this paragraph is
5 a hospital described in section 9320(k) of the Omnibus
6 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, as so amended (42
7 U.S.C. 1395k note), except that—

8 “(A) any reference in such section to a ‘cer-
9 tified registered nurse anesthetist’ or ‘anesthetist’ is
10 deemed a reference to a ‘physician who is an anes-
11 thesiologist’ or ‘anesthesiologist’, respectively; and

12 “(B) any reference to ‘January 1, 1988’ or
13 ‘1987’ is deemed a reference to such date and year
14 as the Secretary shall specify.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished during cost
17 reporting periods beginning on or after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act.

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