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# H. R. 1565

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Ms. SEWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Critical Access Hos-  
5 pital Relief Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVING MEDICARE 96-HOUR PHYSICIAN CER-**  
2 **TIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR INPATIENT**  
3 **CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL SERVICES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1814(a) of the Social Se-  
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (6), by adding “and” at the  
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (7), at the end of subpara-  
9 graph (E), by striking “; and” and inserting a pe-  
10 riod; and

11 (3) by striking paragraph (8).

12 (b) **APPLICATION.**—The amendments made by sub-  
13 section (a) shall apply with respect to items and services  
14 furnished on or after January 1, 2024.

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