

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1828

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2017

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. KIND) 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,*

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 and inserting a period; and

14 (C) by striking “except that” and all that
15 follows through “hospice program.”; 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 indi-
20 vidual’s attending physician (as defined in section
21 1861(dd)(3)(B)), if the physician is not an employee
22 of the hospice program;

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

25 “(iii) rural health clinic services (as defined in
26 paragraph (1) of section 1861(aa)) and Federally

1 qualified health center services (as defined in para-
2 graph (3) of such section) if such services—

3 “(I) would otherwise be physicians’ serv-
4 ices if furnished by an individual not affiliated
5 with a rural health clinic (as defined in para-
6 graph (2) of such section) or a Federally quali-
7 fied health center (as defined in paragraph (4)
8 of such section); and

9 “(II) are furnished by the individual’s at-
10 tending physician (as so defined), if such physi-
11 cian is not an employee of the hospice program,
12 or are provided under arrangements made by
13 the hospice program.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
16 the date that is 6 months after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.

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