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# H. R. 1885

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2021

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. COSTA, and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Rural and Underserved  
5 Small Hospital Protection Act of 2021” or the “RUSH  
6 Protection Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. RURAL HEALTH CLINIC PAYMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(f)(3) of the Social  
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(f)(3)) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (A) in clause (i), by striking subclauses (I)  
6 and (II) and inserting the following:

7 “(I) with respect to a rural health  
8 clinic that had a per visit payment amount  
9 established for services furnished in  
10 2020—

11 “(aa) the per visit payment  
12 amount applicable to such rural  
13 health clinic for rural health clinic  
14 services furnished in 2020, increased  
15 by the percentage increase in the MEI  
16 applicable to primary care services  
17 furnished as of the first day of 2021;  
18 or

19 “(bb) the limit described in para-  
20 graph (2)(A); and

21 “(II) with respect to a rural health  
22 clinic that did not have a per visit payment  
23 amount established for services furnished  
24 in 2020—

25 “(aa) the per visit payment  
26 amount applicable to such rural

1 health clinic for rural health clinic  
2 services furnished in 2021; or

3 “(bb) the limit described in para-  
4 graph (2)(A); and”; and

5 (B) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “under  
6 clause (i)(I)” and inserting “under subclause  
7 (I) or (II) of clause (i), as applicable,”; and  
8 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
10 striking “2019, was” and inserting “2020”;

11 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “was” after  
12 “(i)”; and

13 (C) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the  
14 following:

15 “(ii)(I) was enrolled under section 1866(j)  
16 (including temporary enrollment during the  
17 emergency period described in section  
18 1135(g)(1)(B) for such period); or

19 “(II) submitted an application for enroll-  
20 ment under section 1866(j) (or requested such  
21 a temporary enrollment for such period) that  
22 was received not later than December 31,  
23 2020.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
25 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-

1 ment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub-  
2 lic Law 116–260).

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