

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2610

To amend section 1886 of the Social Security Act to continue sole community hospital treatment for certain hospitals.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI 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. CONTINUATION OF SOLE COMMUNITY HOS-**  
4 **PITAL TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN HOSPITALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B) of the So-  
6 cial Security Act (1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is amended by add-  
7 ing at the end the following new clause:

8 “(vi) If a hospital (in this clause referred to as the  
9 ‘new hospital’) begins operations on or after January 1,  
10 2010, within 35 road miles of a hospital, that, as of the

1 date of the new hospital beginning operations, is a sole  
2 community hospital (in this clause referred to as the ‘ex-  
3 isting hospital’), the existing hospital shall continue to be  
4 treated as a sole community hospital if—

5           “(I) the new hospital is privately owned or op-  
6           erated as a for-profit entity; and

7           “(II) a portion of the new hospital’s ownership  
8           is attributable to physicians.”.

9           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall apply to hospitals for cost reporting  
11 periods beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

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