

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3991

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 96-hour physician certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. WALDEN, Ms. JENKINS, and Mr. LOEBSACK) 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 2014”.

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 (D)(ii), 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, 2014.

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