

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8144

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to include rural emergency hospitals in the definition of a covered entity for purposes of the 340B drug discount program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2024

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 340B Access
5 Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS AS**
2 **COVERED ENTITIES FOR PURPOSES OF THE**
3 **340B DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 340B(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 256b(a)(4)) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subparagraph:

7 “(P) An entity that is a rural emergency
8 hospital (as defined in section 1861(kkk)(2) of
9 the Social Security Act) that is owned or oper-
10 ated by a unit of State or local government, is
11 a public or private non-profit corporation which
12 is formally granted governmental powers by a
13 unit of State or local government, or is a pri-
14 vate non-profit rural emergency hospital which
15 has a contract with a State or local government
16 to provide health care services to low income in-
17 dividuals who are not entitled to benefits under
18 title XVIII of the Social Security Act or eligible
19 for assistance under the State plan under this
20 title.”.

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