

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8235

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the distribution of certain additional graduate medical education positions under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2024

Mr. MURPHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 Physician Work-
5 force Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFYING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN ADDI-**
2 **TIONAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PO-**
3 **SITIONS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395ww) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (9)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (B)(ii)(I), by amend-
8 ing such subclause to read as follows:

9 “(I) Hospitals that—

10 “(aa) are located in a rural
11 area (as defined in section
12 1886(d)(2)(D)); or

13 “(bb) are treated as being
14 located in a rural area pursuant
15 to section 1886(d)(8)(E), but
16 only if such hospital so treated
17 meets a criterion specified in sub-
18 clause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) of
19 such section.”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by inserting
21 “and includes, with respect to the distribution
22 of full-time equivalent residency positions for
23 fiscal year 2023 or 2024, a hospital that is
24 treated as being located in a rural area pursu-
25 ant to section 1886(d)(8)(E) regardless of
26 whether such hospital meets a criterion speci-

1 fied in subclause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) of
2 such section” before the period; and

3 (2) in paragraph (10)(B)(ii)(I), by amending
4 such subclause to read as follows:

5 “(I) Hospitals that—

6 “(aa) are located in a rural
7 area (as defined in section
8 1886(d)(2)(D)); or

9 “(bb) are treated as being
10 located in a rural area pursuant
11 to section 1886(d)(8)(E), but
12 only if such hospital so treated
13 meets a criterion specified in sub-
14 clause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) of
15 such section.”.

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