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# S. 935

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make technical corrections to rural health clinic payments.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2021

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. ERNST, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 Health Clinic  
5 Protection Act”.

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

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

9 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

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

3 “(I) with respect to a rural  
4 health clinic that had a per visit pay-  
5 ment amount established for services  
6 furnished in 2020—

7 “(aa) the per visit payment  
8 amount applicable to such rural  
9 health clinic for rural health clin-  
10 ic services furnished in 2020, in-  
11 creased by the percentage in-  
12 crease in the MEI applicable to  
13 primary care services furnished  
14 as of the first day of 2021; or

15 “(bb) the limit described in  
16 paragraph (2)(A); and

17 “(II) with respect to a rural  
18 health clinic that did not have a per  
19 visit payment amount established for  
20 services furnished in 2020—

21 “(aa) the per visit payment  
22 amount applicable to such rural  
23 health clinic for rural health clin-  
24 ic services furnished in 2021; or

1 “(bb) the limit described in  
2 paragraph (2)(A); and”;

3 (B) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “under  
4 clause (i)(I)” and inserting “under subclause  
5 (I) or (II) of clause (i), as applicable,”; and

6 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting  
7 the following:

8 “(B) A rural health clinic described in this subpara-  
9 graph is a rural health clinic that—

10 “(i) as of December 31, 2020, was in a hospital  
11 with less than 50 beds and after such date such hos-  
12 pital continues to have less than 50 beds (not taking  
13 into account any increase in the number of beds pur-  
14 suant to a waiver under subsection (b)(1)(A) of sec-  
15 tion 1135 during the emergency period described in  
16 subsection (g)(1)(B) of such section); and

17 “(ii)(I) as of December 31, 2020, was enrolled  
18 under section 1866(j) (including temporary enroll-  
19 ment during such emergency period for such emer-  
20 gency period); or

21 “(II) submitted an application for enrollment  
22 under section 1866(j) (or a request for such a tem-  
23 porary enrollment for such emergency period) that  
24 was received not later than December 31, 2020.”.

1           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
3 ment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub-  
4 lic Law 116–260).

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