

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4859

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve sole community hospital determinations made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2021

Mr. WALTZ (for himself and Mr. DUNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Patient Accessibility
5 and Access To Community Healthcare Act” or the
6 “PAATCH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF SOLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**
2 **DETERMINATIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARY**
3 **OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

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

6 (1) in subclause (II), by striking at the end
7 “or”;

8 (2) in subclause (III), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “, or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 clause:

12 “(IV) for the 10-year period be-
13 ginning on the date of the enactment
14 of this subclause, that met either of
15 the requirements specified in sub-
16 clauses (I) through (III) (as in effect
17 on the date of the enactment of this
18 subclause) on or before March 13,
19 2020.”.

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