

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5660

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust coinsurance requirements for outpatient critical access hospital services furnished under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 “Fairness for Rural
5 Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTING COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR**
2 **OUTPATIENT CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL**
3 **SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER THE MEDI-**
4 **CARE PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1834(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395m(g)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “less 20 per-
8 cent of the amount specified under paragraph (6),”
9 after “such services,”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “, less 20
11 percent of the amount specified under paragraph
12 (6)” before the period; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(6) SPECIFIED AMOUNT.—For purposes of
16 paragraphs (1) and (2)(A), the amount specified in
17 this paragraph is, with respect to services furnished
18 by a critical access hospital, the amount that would
19 have been payable for such services under section
20 1833(t) had such services been covered OPD serv-
21 ices.”.

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