

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8747

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend Medicare-dependent hospital and Medicare low-volume hospital payments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 26, 2022

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself and Ms. SEWELL) 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 “Assistance for Rural
5 Community Hospitals Act of 2022” or the “ARCH Act
6 of 2022”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING MEDICARE-DEPENDENT HOSPITAL AND**
8 **MEDICARE LOW-VOLUME HOSPITAL PAY-**
9 **MENTS.**

10 (a) MDH EXTENSION.—

1 (1) EXTENSION OF PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

2 Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42
3 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amended—

4 (A) in clause (i), by striking “October 1,
5 2022” and inserting “October 1, 2027”; and

6 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “October
7 1, 2022” and inserting “October 1, 2027”.

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (A) EXTENSION OF TARGET AMOUNT.—

10 Section 1886(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) is amend-
12 ed—

13 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
14 by striking “October 1, 2022” and insert-
15 ing “October 1, 2027”; and

16 (ii) in clause (iv), by striking “2022”
17 and inserting “2027”.

18 (B) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE
19 RECLASSIFICATION.—Section 13501(e)(2) of
20 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993
21 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) is amended by strik-
22 ing “2022” and inserting “2027”.

23 (b) LVH EXTENSION.—Section 1886(d)(12) of the
24 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(12)) is amend-
25 ed—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
2 ceding clause (i), by striking “2023” and inserting
3 “2028”;

4 (2) in subparagraph (C)(i)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding subclause (I),
6 by striking “2022” and inserting “2027”;

7 (B) in subclause (III), by striking “2022”
8 and inserting “2027”; and

9 (C) in subclause (IV), by striking “2023”
10 and inserting “2028”; and

11 (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “2022”
12 each place it appears and inserting “2027” in each
13 such place.

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