

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 9392

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Medicare-dependent hospital program and to update the calculation of the hospital specific rate for such hospitals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Mr. MEUSER (for himself, Ms. WILD, and Mr. MANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Fairness for Rural  
5 Teaching Hospitals Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE MEDICARE-DEPENDENT HOS-**  
2 **PITAL PROGRAM.**

3 (a) EXTENSION OF PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—Sec-  
4 tion 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (i), by striking “December 17,  
7 2022” and inserting “September 30, 2027”; and

8 (2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “, and before  
9 December 17, 2022” and inserting “, and before  
10 September 30, 2027”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) EXTENSION OF TARGET AMOUNT.—Section  
13 1886(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) is amended—

15 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
16 striking “December 17, 2022” and inserting  
17 “September 30, 2027”; and

18 (B) in clause (iv), by striking “2022” and  
19 inserting “2027”.

20 (2) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RE-  
21 CLASSIFICATION.—Section 13501(e)(2) of the Omni-  
22 bus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C.  
23 1395ww note) is amended by striking “2022” and  
24 inserting “2027”.

1 **SEC. 3. UPDATE TO CALCULATION OF HOSPITAL SPECIFIC**  
2 **RATE FOR MEDICARE-DEPENDENT HOS-**  
3 **PITALS.**

4 Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)), as amended by section 2, is  
6 further amended by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-  
7 lowing:  
8 “For purposes of clause (ii)(II), in calculating the amount  
9 determined under paragraph (1)(A)(iii) with respect to  
10 discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2023, the Sec-  
11 retary shall exclude an estimate of indirect medical costs  
12 in accordance with the requirements specified in para-  
13 graph (2)(C)(i).”.

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