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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust certain rural health clinic payments under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. COSTA, and Mrs. WALORSKI) 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 “Rural and Underserved
5 Small Hospital Protection Act of 2021” or the “RUSH
6 Protection Act of 2021”.

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

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

4 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

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

7 “(I) with respect to a rural health
8 clinic that had a per visit payment amount
9 established for services furnished in
10 2020—

11 “(aa) the per visit payment
12 amount applicable to such rural
13 health clinic for rural health clinic
14 services furnished in 2020, increased
15 by the percentage increase in the MEI
16 applicable to primary care services
17 furnished as of the first day of 2021;
18 or

19 “(bb) the limit described in para-
20 graph (2)(A); and

21 “(II) with respect to a rural health
22 clinic that did not have a per visit payment
23 amount established for services furnished
24 in 2020—

25 “(aa) the per visit payment
26 amount applicable to such rural

1 health clinic for rural health clinic
 2 services furnished in 2021; or

3 “(bb) the limit described in para-
 4 graph (2)(A); and”; and

5 (B) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “under
 6 clause (i)(I)” and inserting “under subclause
 7 (I) or (II) of clause (i), as applicable,”; and
 8 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
 10 striking “2019, was” and inserting “2020”;

11 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “was” after
 12 “(i)”; and

13 (C) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the
 14 following:

15 “(ii)(I) was enrolled under section 1866(j)
 16 (including temporary enrollment during the
 17 emergency period described in section
 18 1135(g)(1)(B) for such period); or

19 “(II) submitted an application for enroll-
 20 ment under section 1866(j) (or requested such
 21 a temporary enrollment for such period) that
 22 was received not later than December 31,
 23 2020.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 25 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-

1 ment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub-
2 lic Law 116–260).

